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ACTION: Amembassy LAGOS PRIORITY

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INFO: Amembassy London Amconsul IBADAN  
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Following text Department spokesman noon briefing, August 10, 1967 (unessential words omitted):

Q: Do you have any word on situation in Nigeria with new invasion of Biafra?

A: Nothing that would tend to ~~make~~ brief on military situation. We limited in terms of information. We do not have Consulate or mission any sort in area, where there apparently been some fighting. Embassy Lagos has advised American companies evacuate personnel from coastal area of Mid-West of country around Warri, where most people who work for oil companies are stationed. We understand here this process of evacuating their people under way. I understand companies using their own vessels.

Q: How many people are there?

A: Some 200-300 Americans in area prior to ~~the~~ outbreak of fighting of last couple days. Included are some AID personnel. I have to say few because I don't have specific number. Initially, approximately 130 Peace Corps volunteers and staff were scattered throughout that region. There no word our Embassy has advised or otherwise proposed evacuation of PC or AID people from that area.

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Q: Do you have names of any of principal oil companies involved there?  
A: Gulf and Mobil. Apparently there were some Shell BP installations also.  
Q: Did I understand you to say they had own ships?  
A: This is information we have. We understand they ~~removing~~ removing some people. They are using their own transport.  
Q: I assume our position in terms assisting Nigeria and Lagos Govt. not changed since we made it very clear to them we regard situation there as civil war, an internal matter entirely?  
A: That policy has not changed.  
Q: Why is it oil people being advised evacuate but not others?  
A: I can only say that judgment of Embassy has to prevail for ~~now~~ present. I'm not suggesting they may not take some measures advise PCV's and the few AID personnel.  
Q: When was advice given to oil companies, and when did evacuation start? Do you have information on that?  
A: Probably in last day or ~~one~~ two. There apparently no reason for this before outbreak ~~there~~ yesterday.  
Q: I think you said apparently there has been some fighting. Is there any doubt whether there has been fighting?  
A: No. I wouldn't want to leave any doubt there has been some. I can't measure extent of it.  
Q: Are these ships carrying the refugees going to go to Lagos?  
A: Yes.

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN SITREP

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1. INITIAL SUCCESS ACHIEVED IN MIDWEST AUGUST 9 BY MUTINY

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MID-WEST IBO PERSONNEL IN FEDERAL ARMY AND INVADING IBO FORCES FROM EAST HAS BROUGHT DRAMATIC CHANGE IN POLITICAL AS WELL AS MILITARY WAR BETWEEN FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (FMG) AND EASTERN REGION LED BY OJUKWU. EASTERNERS HAVE GAINED CONTROL OF KEY CITIES IN MID-WEST INCLUDING CAPITAL OF BENIN AND PORT OF WARRI, AND AIRFIELDS LOCATED AT BOTH PLACES.

2. FIRST REACTION OF GOWON TO THIS DEVELOPMENT OBTAINED BY BRITISH HICOM HUNT (LAGOS 1348) AUGUST 9 WAS THAT GOWON GRIMLY DETERMINED CONTINUE HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST OJUKWU. DATT REPORTED IN HIS MESSAGE 0328 (LAGOS 1138) THAT INITIAL REACTION MILITARY LEADERSHIP FMG IS TO CONCENTRATE ON BATTLE AGAINST EASTERN IBOS AND NOT TO TRY TO DRIVE THEM OUT OF MID-WEST. APPARENTLY FMG THOUGHT IS

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THAT LOSS OF MUCH OF MID-WEST IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY SIGNIFICANT MILITARILY TO CAUSE THEM TO CHANGE BASIC PLAN OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST EAST. THEREFORE FMG NOW SENDING FORCES ON ROADS TO BENIN WITH ORDERS TO CONTAIN ENEMY RATHER THAN DRIVE HIM BACK ACROSS NIGER. DATT ALSO POINTED OUT IN HIS 0328 THAT POSSESSION OF BENIN AIRPORT PUTS EASTERN PLANES IN

MUCH CLOSER POSITION FOR ATTACKS ON LAGOS. BUT IN FMG VIEW, THIS OFFSET BY RECENT ACQUISITION BY FMG OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS AND CZECH FIGHTER PLANES.

3. MOST IMPORTANT EFFECT ECONOMICALLY IS TO GIVE EASTERN GOVERNMENT FULL CONTROL OVER ALL OIL PRODUCTION IN NIGERIA, EVEN THOUGH NONE OF IT CAN BE EXPORTED AT PRESENT BECAUSE OF FEDERAL BLOCKADE. THUS 600,000-ODD BARRELS A DAY WHICH

WAS CONTINUED TO BE EXPORTED BY GULF SINCE BLOCKADE OF SHELL-BP'S BONNY EXPORTS, MAY NOW BE EXPECTED CEASE UNLESS FEDERAL FORCES ABLE RAPIDLY ESTABLISH FIRM CONTROL OF ESCRAVOS MOUTH, WHERE IGULU'S BASE OF OPERATIONS LOCATED FOR ITS OFFSHORE FIELD'S PRODUCTION. EASTERN ACCESS TO FED SUPPLIES OF MIDWEST WILL BE IMPROVED ALTHOUGH CONTROLS

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OVER MOVEMENT OF FOOD BETWEEN ASABA AND ONITSHA WERE FITFULL  
AT BEST. WHILE OTHER PRODUCTS MOVED FREELY. EASTERN CONTROL  
OF LOWER NIGER RIVER ARTERY IS COMPLETE SINCE MOST BARGES,  
PUSHER TUGS AND OTHER RIVER BOATS ARE NOW IN THE MIDWEST  
LEADED WITH SUPPLIES FOR GAROUA IN CAMEROON. HERETOFORE  
THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO PASS EASTERN BLOCK AT ONITSHA  
AND HAVE BEEN PARKED IN MIDWEST, BUT NOW THEY ARE UNDER  
CONTROL OF EASTERN FORCES. THIS CONTROL WILL GREATLY IMPROVE  
EASTERN POTENTIAL FOR DENYING PASSAGE THROUGH NIGER DELTA  
AND WILL GREATLY DIMINISH POSSIBILITIES OF FEDERAL INFILTRA-  
TION THROUGH AREA. IN ADDITION EASTERN ACCESS TO THE SEA  
IS IMPROVED ALTHOUGH ALL FOUR DELTA PORTS (WARRI, BURUTU,  
SAPPELE, KOKO) ACCESSIBLE FOR OCEAN GOING FREIGHTERS ONLY  
THROUGH ESCRAVOS CHANNEL. BARS AT OTHER RIVER ENTRANCES  
MAKE THEM IMPRACTICAL FOR IMPORTANT BLOCKADE RUNNING.  
THEREFORE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NEEDS ONLY CONTROL ESCRAVOS  
MOUTH IN ORDER EFFECTIVELY DENY USE OF DELTA PORTS FOR  
BLOCKADE RUNNING. ADDITION OF AIRFIELDS AND AIRSTREPS IN  
MIDWEST DOES NOT INCREASE POSSIBILITIES FOR AIRPLANES  
SUPPLYING LEAST FROM ABROAD SINCE THESE STRIPS NOT USEFUL.

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FOR LARGE CARGO PLANES.

4. ON POLITICAL SIDE, SITUATION HAS CHANGED DRASTICALLY.  
ENUGU RADIO IS ALREADY CLAIMING TO HAVE LIBERATED ALL OF  
MIDWEST FROM HAUSA-FULANI IMPERIALISM AND THIS THEME  
LIKELY BE PLAYED UP BY NEWS MEDIA AROUND WORLD TO ADVANTAGE  
OF "BIAFRA". FURTHERMORE, NAMING OF YORUBA VICTOR BANJO TO  
CONTROL TROOPS IN BENIN IS SHREWD PSYCHOLOGICAL PLOY FOR  
YORUBA SUPPORT. ONE REPORT RECEIVED TO DAY INDICATED

BANJO TOLD BRITISH DEP HC (BELLY) IN BENIN LAST NIGHT  
THAT TROOPS NOW IN CONTROL OF BENIN ARE AGAINST NORTHERN

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HAUSA DOMINATION BUT NOT AGAINST UNITED NIGERIA. BANJO SAID THEY DO NOT FAVOR OJUKWU'S SECESSION. (COMMENT: SUCH

A LINE OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO GET WESTERN YORUBA SUPPORT FOR ALIGNMENT OF WEST, MID-WEST AND EAST AGAINST NORTHERN DOMINATION. BUT EMBASSY SUSPECTS LINE IS BEING PURSUED IN COLLUSION WITH OJUKWU.

5. EXCELLENT SERIES RECENT TELEGRAMS FROM CONSULATE IBADAN INDICATE SOME YORUBAS QUITE WILLING COOPERATE WITH LINE

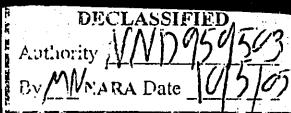
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BEING PUT OUT BY BANJO, THIS LIKELY CREATE FURTHER STRESSES AND STRAINS IN WEST, WITH HELP FROM PEOPLE LIKE WOLE SOYINKA AND PETER ODUMOSU, BUT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE DECISIVE DEVELOPMENT IN ATTITUDE OF WEST TOWARDS FMG. MOST DECISIVE ELEMENT IN WESTERN REGION POLITICAL SITUATION IS STILL LIKELY BY ROLE OF CHIEF AWOLOWO.

6. OJUKWU AND EASTERNERS HAVE CLEARLY WON THIS ROUND IN FIGHT. WHETHER THEY CAN HOLD POSITION JUST WON IN MID-WEST DEPENDS ON ATTITUDE MANY NON-IBO TRIBES IN STATE, PROBLEM OF MAINTAINING LONG DEFENSIVE AND SUPPLY LINES, PRESSURES FMG, OR EASTERNERS CAN EXERT ELSEWHERE, AND WHETHER NEW WEAPONS ARE INTRODUCED INTO WAR.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KADUNA 146

1. GERMAN CONSUL (PROTECT SOURCE) REPORT TWO CZECH  
JETS ARRIVED KADUNA AIRPORT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. ECAH  
PLANE MANNED BY TWO CZECH PILOTS. NO RPT NO ARMA-  
MENTS OBSERVED ON AIRCRAFT.

2. ABOUT 2130 GMT THERE WAS AIR RAID ALARM AT KADUNA

PAGE 2 RUTALS 146KK C O N F I D E N T I A L  
AIRFIELD. ALL NAF AND NIGERIA AIRWAYS PLANES (TWO  
FOKKER FRIENDSHIPS REPORTEDLY CAME TO KADUNA LAST NIGHT  
INSTEAD OF USUAL ONE SCHEDULED) WERE DISPERSED ALL OVER  
FIELD.  
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1. AMERICANS RESIDENT NEAR AIRBASE REPORT TWO HEAVY EXPLOSIONS, AND THEN A SERIES SMALLER BOMBS WHICH SEEMED TO CAUSE MAXIMUM IMPACT. ALL OBSERVERS AGREE PLANE

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WAS B-26.

2. EARLY REPORTS FROM HOSPITAL AND OTHER OBSERVERS INDICATE SEVERAL CASUALTIES. HAVE CONFIRMED THAT NO AMERICANS INJURED OR OTHERWISE INVOLVED.

3. FOR LAGOS, GERMAN CONSUL KADUNA NOW IN LAGOS. INFORM GERMAN EMBASSY. I AM CONTACTING THEIR

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CONSULATE ADMIN ASST HERE TO ADVISE HIM CHECK ON  
WELFARE DORNIER PEOPLE AT AIRBASE IF HE HAS NOT DONE  
SO ALREADY.  
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1. (1) EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED WITH CO (NORRIS AND MOBERLY) PROSPECTS FOR MEDIATING NIGERIAN CONFLICT AND FEASIBILITY OF ASKING FOR JOINT ASSESSMENT IN LAGOS. NORRIS AND MOBERLY BELIEVE SUBJECT IS DEFINITELY WORTH EXPLORING, ALTHOUGH IT CLEAR THAT POLITICO-MILITARY EFFECT OF EVENTS IN MIDWESTERN REGION MUST BE DETERMINED BEFORE MEANINGFUL OVERALL ESTIMATE CAN BE MADE. THEY THEREFORE

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SUGGEST THAT WE WAIT A FEW DAYS TO SEE HOW MILITARY SITUATION DEVELOPS.

2. NORRIS BELIEVES THAT WHEN APPROPRIATE MOMENT FOR MEDIATION EFFORT ARRIVES COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT HAS IMPORTANT ADVANTAGES. NORRIS THINKS THAT DEPUTY SEC GENERAL YAW ADU (GHANAIAN NATIONAL) WOULD BE TRUSTED BY BOTH SIDES AND WOULD DO DISCREET AND CAPABLE JOB. AS NOTED BY EMBASSY LAGOS, COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT, AND ADU HIMSELF, WOULD BE READY TO TAKE ON JOB OF MEDIATION AT RIGHT TIME.

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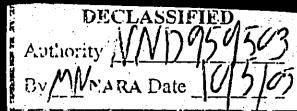
3. COMMENT: EMB AGREES THAT YAW ADU HAS EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS. ADU TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 10 THAT HE HAS ALREADY MADE SOUNDINGS ON BIAFRAN ATTITUDE TOWARD TALKS WITH FMG. CHIEF BASSEY, "REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA" SPOKESMAN IN LONDON HAD INDICATED TO HIM THAT OJUKWU WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK "UNCONDITIONALLY." ADU REALIZED THIS WOULD NOT APPEAL TO FMG, BUT HE WAS MILDLY ENCOURAGED THAT BIAFRAN REP DID NOT RULE OUT TALKS. THIS OF COURSE WAS BEFORE REPORTED BIAFRAN TAKE-OVER OF BENIN. ADU PHONED EMBOFF THIS MORNING (AUG 10) IN PROFOUNDLY DISCOURAGED

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FRAME OF MIND TO SAY HE FEARED IBO "MUTINY" IN BENIN WOULD LEAD SOME FMG LEADERS TO ARGUE THAT IBO'S COULD NEVER BE TRUSTED IN NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT FMG MUST CRUSH THEM MILITARILY.

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1. AT 1600 ZULU TWO ENGINE PLANE MADE TWO RUNS OVER KADUNA AIRPORT AND NAF AIRBASE BEGINNING ABOUT 1550 ZULU, ENDING ABOUT 1605 ZULU. PLANE FLEW NEAR CLOUD COVER ABOUT 2-3,000 FEET. SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS HEARD.

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SMOKE SEEN COMING OUT OF ONE BUILDING NEAR AIR FORCE HANGER.

2. ARMY OFFICER AT AREA COMMAND HQ CONFIRMED SOME DAMAGE TO AIRBASE BUILDINGS BUT DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW EXTENT THEREOF. HE SAID ACK-ACK WAS ACTIVE BUT SCORED

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3. AMERICANS RESIDING IN AREA REPORTED SAFE

4. ATTEMPTING OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS.  
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1. DURING CONVERSATION AUGUST 9 WITH CONSULATE OFFICER (IBADAN 72),

PAGE 2 RUTALS 076BB S E C R E T  
WOLE SOYINKA (ABSOLUTE PROTECTION OF SOURCE NECESSARY) CONFIRMED  
THAT MILITARY OBJECTIVE OF MID-WEST FORCES IS TO CUT OFF NORTH  
AND LAGOS BY SECURING BRIDGES AT JEBBA AND MAKURDI AND BLOCKING  
ROAD NORTH OF LAGOS BUT NOT TO BLOW BRIDGES UNLESS NECESSARY.  
SOYINKA ADDED THAT IF NORTH BLEW THEM IT WOULD BE CLEAR INDICATION  
IT WANTS "ARABA" (SECESSION). THOUGH SOME AREAS OF WEST WOULD  
BE INVOLVED IF EVERYTHING GOES AS PLANNED, THOUGHT IBADAN  
WOULD BE QUIET. HE SEES NO DANGER TO AMCITS.

2. HOWEVER, IN FURTHER CONVERSATION MORNING 10TH ORIGINAL

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SOURCE OF INFO ON MID-WEST PLAN MIL OPERATIONS (IBADAN 70) SAID THAT NEXT THREE-SAR DAYS CRUCIAL HG PLAN'S SUCCESS. OBVIOUSLY THINGS NOT GOING AS QUICKLY AS PLANNED. SOURCE INDICATED THAT PLAN ALSO INCLUDED SEALING OFF RIVER CROSSINGS AT IDAH AND LOKOJA. THRUST TO SEAL OFF LAGOS PLANNED DOWN ORE-IJEBU-ODE ROAD (COL. OBASANJO TOLD BRITISH ASST DATT THIS MORNING 11TH BN WENT TO OWOI AND THAT THRUST TOWARDS JEBBA WOULD PROBABLY GO THROUGH OSHOGBO-ILORIN.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT IBADAN, SOURCE DIFFERED WITH SOYINKA AND

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SAID POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT MOVE MIGHT BE MADE TO IBADAN IN ORDER SECURE SUPPLY ROUTES AND BECAUSE OF ITS POLITICAL IMPORTANCE.

4. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT POSSIBLE CIVILIAN INVOLVEMENT IN HELPING MID-WEST "NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY," SOURCE INDICATED THAT THIS POSSIBILITY COULD NOT BE DISCOUNTED, NOR COULD POSSIBILITY THAT THERE MIGHT BE REPRISALS AGAINST LOSERS (PRESUMABLY INNDP). WHEN SCATTERED LOCATION AMCITS IN WEST POINTED OUT, SOURCE COMMENTED THAT PRUDENCE WOULD INDICATE THEY SHOULD AT LEAST KEEP THEIR HEADS DOWN FOR NEXT FEW DAYS AND PERHAPS SHOULD GATHER TOGETHER. BUT UNABLE TO INDICATE BEST PLACE.

5. COMMENT: AS INDICATED CONTEL 70, WE RECOGNIZE EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT OUR AG ACTIVIST SOURCES AND DO NOT SUGGEST THAT PLANS THEY DESCRIBE BE ACCEPTED AS FIRM INDICATION OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN. WE DO, HOWEVER, FEEL WE SHOULD REPORT THAT SUCH PLANS ARE BEING DISCUSSED. IF WE HAVE BEEN TOLD, SO HAVE OTHERS.

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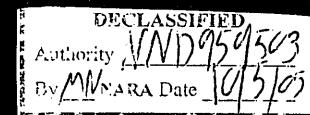
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1. LAST NIGHT (AUG 9) CONSULATE OFFICER HAD LONG CONVERSATION  
WITH WOLE SOYINKA (ABSOLUTE PROTECTION REQUIRED) YORUBA  
PLAYWRIGHT AND AG POLITICAL ACTIVIST WHO PROVIDED HIS

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VERSION OF BACKGROUND OF DEVELOPMENTS IN MID-WEST AND GOALS  
THIS MOVEMENT.

2. SOYINKA SAYS MID-WEST DEVELOPMENTS MUST BE SEEN IN  
IDEOLOGICAL TERMS, I.E., "PROGRESSIVE VS REACTIONARY FORCES,"  
RATHER THAN IN TRIBAL OR REGIONAL TERMS. HE SEES THESE  
DEVELOPMENTS AS ATTEMPT COMPLETE CLEANSING OPERATION BEGUN  
BY "BLOODY MAJBS" ON JAN 15, 1966, WHICH ABORTED WHEN  
IRONSI, WHO WAS ESSENTIALLY REACTIONARY, CAPTURED JANUARY  
COUP FROM MZEONNU.

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3. SOYINKA REGARDS COL. VICTOR BANJO (YORUBA), WITH WHOM HE SPENT SEVERAL HOURS IN ENUGU LAST WEEKEND AND WHO APPEARS BE LEADER OF PRESENT MID-WEST COUP, AS LINEAL DESCENDENT NZEOGWU. OTHER NON-IBO OFFICERS INVOLVED INCLUDE MAJOR ADEMOYEGA (YORUBA BLOODY MAJOR INCARCERATED WARRI), MAJOR ADELEKE (YORUBA "POW" FROM 3RD BN), CAPT. ADEOIDE (YORUBA "POW" FROM 3RD BN), AND MAJOR ALELE (UTSEKI TRIBE FROM WARRI). SOYINKA EMPHASIZED STRONG NON-IBO ELEMENT IN LEADERSHIP PRESENT COUP.

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4. WHILE OJUKWU NOT CONSIDERED AMONG "PROGRESSIVES," HE SUPPORTING CURRENT EFFORT COMPLETE JAN '66 COUP AND PREPARED WORK OUT POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION WITH LEADERS OF PRESENT COUP IF IT SUCCEEDS. (IT CLEAR THAT IN SOYINKA VIEW LEADERS OF MID-WEST COUP REPRESENT WAVE OF FUTURE AND ARE NOT MERE TOOLS OF OJUKWU.) SOYINKA KNEW OF NO NORTHERN OFFICER PREPARED SUPPORT PRESENT MOVEMENT OR ACCEPTABLE TO ITS LEADERS; GOWON WAS ACCEPTABLE IN JAN '66 BUT NOT NOW. OGUNDIPE CLEARLY DISCREDITED AND UNACCEPTABLE. SOYINKA ALSO REJECTS MOST NORTHERN CIVILIANS, INCLUDING TARKA, WHOM HE BRANDS AS OPPORTUNIST. IN DISCUSSION OF MILITARY FIGURES WHO MIGHT EVENTUALLY ASSUME LEADERSHIP PROGRESSIVE FORCES, NAME OF DUKE BASSEY MENTIONED BUT NO ONE FIGURE CLEARLY EMERGED. SOYINKA BELIEVES EJODOR ALIVE BUT NOT ABLE PLAY ANY ROLE AT THIS TIME. NO CIVILIAN IN POSITION TAKE OVER LEADERSHIP PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT, THOUGH AWO CLEARLY MOST INFLUENTIAL POLITICIAN AMONG PROGRESSIVES.

5. IN BROADER, LONG-RANGE TERMS, SOYINKA SEES CONFLICT IN NIGERIA AS ASPECT OF WIDER PROGRESSIVE-REACTIONARY STRUGGLE

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IN AFRICA. ADMITS DIVISIONS AMONG YORUBAS BUT GENERALLY EQUATES AG YORUBAS WITH PROGRESSIVE FORCES AND NNDP YORUBAS WITH REACTIONARIES.

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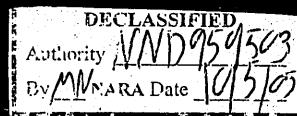
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6. COMMENT: SOYINKA'S IDEOLOGICAL VIEW OF PRESENT CONFLICT REFLECTS HIS OWN PREDILECTIONS AND IS PROBABLY AS GREAT AN OVERSIMPLIFICATION AS PURELY TRIBAL OR RELIGIOUS EXPLANATIONS. ALSO CONTAINS CONSIDERABLE ELEMENT WISHFUL THINKING. SCENE UNDOUBTEDLY LOOKS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER NIGERIAN REGIONS. NEVERTHELESS, HIS VIEW REFLECT THINKING OF NUMBER OF YOUNGER YORUBA INTELLECTUALS WHO UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE COUNTERPARTS ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY WITH WHOM HE APPEARS BE IN CONTACT. THIS IDEOLOGICAL ELEMENT IN PRESENT COMPLEX EQUATION SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED, THOUGH AS INDICATED IN CONVERSATION WITH ODUMOSU (REFTEL) SOME AG YORUBAS STILL SEE SITUATION IN NARROWER TERMS OF TRIBAL/REGIONAL SELF-INTEREST.

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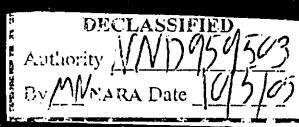
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1. MR. HUEBNER, KADUNA REPRESENTATIVE OF GERMAN DORNIER COMPANY, WHICH PROVIDES MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR NAF, STOPPED AT HOME OF CONSOFF THIS EVENING SEEKING KLM AIRLINE REP THROUGHT WHICH HE SAID HE HOPES TO BOOK EVACUATION OF DORNIER WIVES AND

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CHILDREN FROM KADUNA. HUEBNER ALSO SAID ONE GERMAN TECHNICIAN, NAME NOT RIVEN, KILLED IN BOMBING RAID ON KADUNA NAF BASE TODAY AND TWO OTHER GERMAN TECHNICIANS WOUNDED BY BOMB FRAGMENTS.

2. COMMENTS: AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THIS FIRST NON-NIGERIAN TO BE KILLED AS RESULT CURRENT POLICE ACTION.

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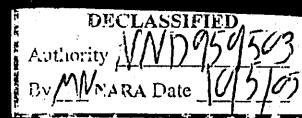
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1. CHIEF SECRETARY N.U. AKPAN SAID: "EVERY INCH OF MIDWEST REGION NOW REPEAT NOW UNDER CONTROL BIAFRAN TROOPS". SAID BIAFRAN FORCES HAD ADVANCED TO OWO IN WESTERN REGION ABOUT

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S E C R E T 0330 AUG 67. SGD HALLIGAN, COUNTRY: NIGERIA.  
SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR  
DIACO, CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C, DA FOR ACSI.  
1. ON AFTERNOON 10 AUGUST 67, DATT HAD LONG, DETAILED AND  
COMPLETELY CANDID CONVERSATION WITH MR. T. OMO BARE, MEMBER  
SUPR  
EME MIL COUNCIL (SMC), DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL, NIGERIA  
POLICE, AND NON-IBO NATIVE UZEBBA (0700N0555E) NORTHEASTERN  
PORTION MID-WEST. SOURCE HAS SERVED, PRIOR COMING LAGOS CURRENT  
JOB 1966, COMMISSIONER NIGERIA POLICE MID-WESTERN REGION; HE  
INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH AREA, CONFIDANTE EJOOR AND PERSONAL

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ACQUAINTANCE MAJORITY KEY MID-WESTERN MIL, POLITICAL, POLICE  
AND LOCAL LEADER PERSONNEL. BECAUSE THIS BACKGROUND AND BECAUSE  
SOURCE HAS ALWAYS BEEN CANDID AND FORTHCOMING WITH DATT, DATT  
ACCEPTS INFORMATION IMPARTED BY SOURCE THIS CONVERSATION AS  
PROBABLY TRUE. MOST SIGNIFICANT ITEMS FROM SOURCE THIS CONVER-  
SATION AS FOLLOWS:  
A. GOWON AND MEMBERS SMC RECOGNIZE EASTERN MOVE INTO MID-WEST.

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AIDED BY "MITINIOUS FMG ELEMENTS MID-WEST", REPRESENTS IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL VICTORY FOR EAST IN CURRENT STRUGGLE. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ASPECTS AND LIKELY IMPACTS DISCUSSED BY SMC "INTO WEE HOURS THI MORNING". THERE NO ILLUSIONS AS TO

PROBLEMS RAISED BUT THERE ALSO NO INCLINATION ON PART SMC LOOK ON DEVELOPMENTS AS SITUATION FMG UNABLE HANDLE WITHIN RESOURCES ON HAND OR "ON WAY". SOURCE, LIKE GOWON A DEEPLY RELIGIOUS MAN, SAID SMC HAD "MANAGED CONVINCE JACK HAT TIME FOR CODES OF CONDUCT, MORALS AND CHRISTIAN ETHICS LONG SONE". THAT SITUATION NOW REQUIRED FMG "USE ITS RESOURCES RUTHLESSLY AS SURVIVAL NATION AT STAKE".

E. SOURCE SAID THAT WITHIN FMG HE "MOST HURT" SINCE HE HEED HIMSELF PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FMG FAILURE PROTECT ITSELF IN

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MID-WESTAM HE SAID THAT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OVER LAST MONTH HE HAD GONE AS GOWON'S EMISSARY TO EUDOR TO FEEL EUDOR OUT ON FMG PUTTING TROOPS INTO MID-WEST. ON EACH OCCASION HE HAD ASKED EUDOR IF HE (EUDOR) COULD HANDLE SITUATION. EACH TIME "I LET UTM CONVINCE ME, PERHAPS BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE CONVINCED) THAT MID-WEST HAD TO BE TRUSTED". FOR THESE REASONS FMG DID NOT PRESS EUDOR ON MATTER BECAUSE HIS POSITION WAS SO DIFFICULT ANYWAY.

2. OVER AND ABOVE POLITICAL GAINS REFERRED TO, SMC RECOGNIZED HE GAINED EAST FOOD SUPPLIES, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, ARMS, AMMO, BOATS, AIRFIELDS CLOSER TO (AGOS) AND POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT (IF THEY CAN BE USED) PORT FACILITIES. (SOURCE SAID FMG AWARE PROBLEM THESE PORTS AND "WOULD HANDLE THIS MATTER" AS SOON AS POSSIBLY AS DISADVANTAGES TO EAST, (AND CONCURRENT ADVANTAGE TO FMG) FMG SAW ITSELF NOW NO LONGER BOUND TO CONSIDER MID-WEST AS AREA OPERATIONALLY PROHIBITED TO IT. THUS IT FREE INITIATE THAT ACTION IN MID-WEST REQUIRED TO CONTAIN EASTERN FORCES. FMG SAW AS ADDITIONAL DISADVANTAGE TO EAST FACT THAT IN ORDER ACTUALLY HOLD SIGNIFICANT AREA MID-WEST IT WOULD HAVE TO UTILIZE PORTIONS ITS OWN FORCES AS GARRISON SINCE FORCES

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ORGANIC TO MID-WEST INSUFFICIENT TO TASK; EVEN IF LOCAL FORCES  
RECRUITED IN MID-WEST, ARMING THESE FORCES WOULD FALL ON EAST  
SINCE RESOURCES FOR SUCH FORCES DID NOT EXIST IN MID-WEST;  
MOST SIGNIFICANT MILITARY DISADVANTAGE TO FMG WAS THAT IT NOW  
FORCED IMMEDIATELY DIVERT FORCES PLANNED FOR USAGE ELSEWHERE  
TO BLOCKING POSITIONS ON MAJOR ROUTES LEADING OUT OF MID-WEST.  
IN THIS CONNECTION, SOURCE SAID FMG FORCES (BELIEVED BY DATT  
TO BE COMPOSITE FORCE FROM LAGOS AND ELEVENTH BN FROM IBADAN)  
NOW BLOCKING ON ROUTES FROM MID-WEST IN SUCH POSITION AS ROUTE  
SIX EAST OF ORE (0645N0453E) AND SHORT (WEST) OF ONISHERE  
(0643N0506E) AT OWENA RIVER WHERE EASTERN FORCES BLOW BRIDGE  
(SOURCE SAID FMG BELIEVED BRIDGE AT ORE NOT BLOWN AND NOW IN  
FMG HANDS); OWO (0712N0536E) ON ROUTE 9; IFON (0656N0547E) ON  
ROUTE 9; AND IKARE ON ROAD NORTHEAST OF OWO.  
D. GOWON'S BASIC POSITION WAS TO AVOID BEING PANICKED INTO  
MIL ACTIONS IN MID-WEST TO EXTENT HE TOOK EYES OFF MAIN TARGETS  
SUCH AS ENUGU AND MARCOURT IN EAST. SOURCE SAID OJUKWU WOULD  
OBVIOUSLY HOPE FORCE US INTO MAJOR COMMITMENTS IN MID-WEST AT  
EXPENSE OUR CAMPAIGN IN EAST. BUT WE WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE HIM  
THIS REGARD".

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E. L-29 CZECH JETS WHICH ARRIVED YESTERDAY KADUNA NOW BEING  
CHECKED OUT AND EXPECTED TO BE IN ACTION "VERY SHORTLY". IN  
THIS RESPECT, SOURCE SAID FUTURE JETS COMING INTO NIGERIA  
WOULD NOT UTILIZE

WEST COAST OF AFRICA ROUTE BECAUSE TO  
MANY DELAYS HAD BEEN ENCOUNTERED ON THAT ROUTE. RATHER, PLANES  
WOULD COME IN MOVER DESERT INTO NORTHERN NIGERIA DIRECT".  
F. SOME FIGHTING HAD TAKEN PLACE BENIN LAST NITE AS ELEMENTS  
"LOYAL TO FMG" TRIED MAKE THEIR WAY OUT. ALSO, THERE SMALL  
FORCE NON-IBO MID-WESTERN TROOPS UNDER "YOUNG OFFICERS" STILL  
IN ACTION ON ROAD SOUTH FROM BENIN TO SAPELE.  
G. SOURCE HAD TALKED TO CONTACT IN WARRI BY PHONE THIS MORNING  
AND WAS TOLD COLONEL N.M. OKWECHIME HAD PUT IN APPEARANCE AT  
WARRI THIS MORNING.  
H. SOURCE THOUGHT THAT CLAIMS BY LTC VICTOR BANJO TO EFFECT

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HE NOT OJUKWU'S MAN "SHEER ROT" AS "IF HE NOT OJUKWU'S MAN HE WOULD NOT BE IN BENIN WITH TROOPS TODAY"!  
2. THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION, SOURCE WAS SOBER, THOUGHTFUL AND FRANK. DATT ASKED SAME QUESTION IN EVERY POSSIBLE FORM (DID SOURCE THINK FMG COULD HANDLE THIS NEW DIMENSION?) AND IN EVERY POSSIBLE FORM SAME ANSWER CAME BACK-YES, SOURCE IS

PAGE 6 RUTALS 138011Z JUN 3 4 3 5  
1. 95 8, 178, 38 4-JUN, BRAGGING STATEMENTS; BUT HESEEMED CONVINCED HIMSELF THAT, WHILE SERIOUS MATTER IN MANY RESPECTS, FMG COULD MUSTER WHAT WAS NECESSARY TO GAIN ITS OBJECTIVE DEFEAT EASTERN SECESSION. QUIETLY, BUT WITH DEEP CONVICTION, SOURCE SAID "IF WE HAVE TO MUSTER EVERY MAN IN NIGERIA, IF WE HAVE TO HALT EVERYTHING ELSE WE ARE ABOUT, WE WILL BRING EMEKA DOWN. I PROISE YOU THAT".  
3. REAR ADMIRAL J.E.A. WEY, IN COMMENT TO DEFENSE ADVISOR (U.K. HIGH COMMISSION THIS MORNING SAID + "IF JACK HAD NOT BEEN SO MUCH OF A CHRISTIAN GENTLEMEN, WE WOULD NOT BE IN THE HESS WE ARE IN NOW. I THINK, HOWEVER, WE HAVE HAD VERY LAST OF THAT FOR WHILE". WEY ASKED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT BRITISH FIRMS MIGHT HAVE HAD AT WARRI AND OTHER ESCRAVOS PORTS. WEY SAID THAT NEW REQUIREMENTS AT ESCRAVOS WOULD STRAIN NAVY BUT THAT "PERHAPS SHOURLT WE EILL BE ABLE TO SUBSTITUTE TROOPS FOR SHIPS AS AT BONNY".  
4. IN CONVERSATION ITH DAO MAP OFFICER THIS AFTERNOON, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, HQ, NIGERIA ARMY, ASKED DETAILED QUESTIONS ABOUT OU UNOWLEDGE EASTERN TROOPS ESCRAVTS CREEK AREA. (THERE LITTLE DOUBT DATT'S MIND FMG WILL BE REQUIRED ATTEMPT OPERATION

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SIMILAR TO BONNY ESCRAVOS AREA AS SOON AS ABLE TO PUT ONE TOGETHER; WHILE THIS WILL TAX RESOURCES, FACT SCENE OF POTENTIAL ENGAGEMENT MUCH CLOSER LAGOS THAN BONNY MAKES TASK SOMEWHAT EASIER IN SOME RESPOECTS, IN OTHERS, HOWEVER, IT MIGHT ALSO BE EXPECTED THAT EASTERN FORCES WILL EXPECT SUCH ATTEMPT AND MIGHT HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING FROM BONNY ACTIONS.

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1. Long standing policy considerations have determined respective courses followed by USG in current Congo and Nigerian situations. Completely different nature of both has been blurred in Nigerian emotional reaction, yet believe significant elements of difference could be brought home to FMG officials.

2. Nigeria has had history of long association and interdependence developed with UK and CW countries. UK has traditionally assumed prime role with Nigeria both as source of its political and constitutional development as well as for military training and supply. We considered that UK, with its greater responsibilities and stake in Nigeria together with CW, had leadership role in behalf those countries seeking to work with an evolving Nigeria. US, while deeply concerned with economic and social development of country, has carefully refrained from committing itself with respect to ~~constitutional~~ and military aspects.

3. From outset of dispute between FMG and East, US position has been consistent. Whenever question arose, we have tried to make it clear that

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US would refrain from any commitment that would signify we were taking sides in constitutional dispute as Nigerians sought to determine manner and form their association. We could see no solution through military means and for this reason have constantly urged adjustment by negotiation. At no time has USG given expectation to FMG that military items could be bought from us. Coincident with this, we have always informed Nigerian leaders that we could not be party to supply of arms to help Nigerians kill Nigerians.

4. US has refused to accord recognition to Biafra and has stated on various occasions that it recognizes FMG as government of Nigeria. Again, we have repeatedly emphasized that US favored maintenance of ~~cohesion of~~ ~~common Nigerian association~~

5. Congo has different history. Three C-130s sent to Congo in response to request from President Mobutu for a long range air transport capability to assist GRC in dealing with insurgents led by foreign white mercenaries. Planes are under ultimate control US Ambassador, planes and crews have no combat role, and we intend withdraw them as soon as they no longer needed.

6. Following considerations involved in Congo decision:

a. Still valid UN resolutions designed to assist central government of Congo to maintain unity and territorial integrity;

b. ~~XXXXXX~~ previous UN and US investment in Congolese stability, unity and territorial integrity;

c. Our strong desire to prevent racist conflagration in ~~xxx~~ country of central Africa which was distinct possibility in view foreign white mercenary leadership of insurgents;

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1. AP report from Lagos quotes Embassy spokesman as saying Embassy concerned for safety Amcits in Mid-West and awaiting clarification of situation.

2. Reftels plus Datt messages much appreciated but Dept urgently requires additional info to help it respond to increasing number of queries from press, elsewhere. Fully appreciate difficulties involved but hope Embassy will provide fullest possible info on situation in Mid-West and safety and movements Amcits, including PCV's, ASAP.

3. Repeat pertinent messages this subject to Monrovia for PC Director Vaughan.

4. FYI. Reuters now reporting bombing of Apapa by aircraft  
night August 9. End FYI

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1. EMBASSY IN CONTACT OIL COMPANIES AND CONTRACTORS WITH  
PERSONNEL IN WARRI-BURUTU-ESCRAVOS AREA. THEY REPORT WARRI  
NOW IN HANDS EITHER EASTERN TROOPS OR MIDWESTERN TROOPS

PAGE 2 RUTALS 1340CC CONFIDENTIAL  
FRIENDLY TO EAST. SEVERAL VEHICLES WITH BIAFRAN RISING SUN  
SEEN IN WARRI. POLICE STATION REPORTED IN HANDS OF TROOPS.  
THEY HAVE ENTERED VARIOUS COMPANY COMPOUNDS BUT NO RPT NO  
REPORTS EXPATRIATES HAVE BEEN BOTHERED. JOHN HOLT'S PORT  
RADIO NOW OFF AS WELL AS SOME COMPANY RADIOS, BUT OTHER

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FIRMS STILL TRANSMITTING. THERE SOME INDICATION THAT TROOPS  
MAY HAVE GONE DOWN RIVER AND OCCUPIED BURUTU BUT THIS NOT CLEAR.

2. WE HAVE STRONGLY ADVISED US COMPANIES TO EVACUATE THEIR  
PERSONNEL FROM THIS AREA. EVACUATION BEING ARRANGED BY THESE  
FIRMS IN WARRI AND PERSONNEL ARE ASSEMBLING AT JOHN HOLT PORT  
COMPOUND. LOBITO PALM PLANNING DEPART WARRI 1800 TODAY WITH  
DEPENDENTS. TIDEX SERVICE BOAT AMERICAN TIDE PLANNING DEPART  
WARRI 2000 WITH OTHER EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL. M/V ITU ALSO  
LOADING AT SAPELE AND PLANNING DEPART TONIGHT. THERE IS NO  
REPORTED INTERFERENCE WITH LOADING OPERATIONS. MACOGBAR  
SATELLITE IS REPORTED TO HAVE OFF-LIFTED ALL EXPATRIATE PERSON-  
NEL FROM BURUTU AND IS STANDING BY IN CHANNEL TO TRANSFER THEM  
TO LOBITO PALM WHEN IT COMES DOWN STREAM.

PAGE 3 RUTA'S 1340CC C O N F I D E N T I A L  
3. EMBASSY AND UK HICOM WILL MEET BOATS WHEN THEY ARRIVE  
LAGOS TOMORROW AND ASSIST EVACUEES.

4. SINGLE PLANE DROPPED TWO HOMEMADE FIRE BOMBS IN APAPA  
1615 THIS AFTERNOON. NEITHER BOMB DID ANY SERIOUS DAMAGE,  
ACK-ACK FIRE WAS IMPRESSIVE.

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PEACE CORPS ASSOCIATE REP BUCHANAN PHONED FROM ONITSHA  
THAT BIAFRAN POLICE HAVE CLOSED NIGER CROSSING BY WATER  
OR BRIDGE TODAY AUGUST 9. POLICE SAID BRIDGE MAY BE OPENED  
AUGUST 10 OR 11. BUCHANAN OBSERVED VEHICLES CROSSING  
BRIDGE TO WEST AND WAS TOLD BY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER POLICE  
THAT BIAFRAN TROOPS NOW RPT NOW IN BENIN CITY.  
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LAGOS-EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR

1. FOLLOWING FROM NON-MILITARY SOURCE WHO CLOSE TO INDIVIDUAL WHO LAST SATURDAY IN ENUGU SPOKE TO COL M VICTOR BANJO (YORUBA WHOM WE UNDERSTAND LEADING MID-WEST OPERATION). NO CONFIRMATION FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE BUT POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF INFO IF TRUE, SEEMED WARRANT PROMPT REPORT.

2. MID-WEST EASTERN IBO FORCES PLAN SUDDEN DASHES OF MOTORIZED COLEUMNS, TOWARDS FOLLOWING THREE OBJECTIVES: MAKURDI BRIDGE, JEBBA BRIDGE AND UNSPECIFIED POINTS ON ROADS

PAGE 2 RUTALS 70BB SHE C R E T  
LEADING NORTH FROM IKEJA/LAGOS. OBJECTIVES: SECURE AND/OR DESTROY BRIDGES ON ALL THESE ROUTES WITH VIEW TO ISOLATING PMG FORCES IN NORTH AND LAGOS. IMPLICATION WAS MOVES PLANNED FOR TONIGHT BUT INFORMANT DISTURBED BY LACK OF WORD THAT OPERATION PROCEEDING AS ANTICIPATED.

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3. FIND IT DIFFICULT TO JUDGE VALIDITY THIS REPORT FOR PROSPECTS SUCH TACTICS BUT THERE IS VIRTUALLY NOTHING IN WEST TO STOP THEM EXCEPT RECENTLY RECRUITED, PARTIALLY TRAINED YORUBA 11TH BN, WHCH SET OUT THIS AFTERNOON FOR MID-WEST BORDER BY UNDETERMINED ROUTE.

4. SOURCE LEFTCON OFF ABOUT 2000 LOCAL TIME FOR MEETING, PRESUMABLY OF SELECTED FELLOW YORUBAS TO CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS FOR WEST. SOURCE AND FRIENDS CLEARLY SYMPATHETIC AND HOPE MOVE SUCCEEDS. CONOFF STRESSED SERIOUSNESS SHOULD OPERATION CAUSE ANY HARM TO AMERICAN CITIZENS AND SOURCE GOT MESSAGE.

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5. FOR LAGOS, INFN OBTAINED BY CONOFF WITH INJUNCTION IT NOT BE PASSED ON. SO WOULD APPRECIATE IT BEING VERY CLOSELY HELD. CONOFF HOPES OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS AFTER MEETING. WILL REPORT IF SUBSTANCE WARRANTS.  
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1. DEATH OF CONOLEN AKAHAN ACCORDING TO LOCAL RUMOR  
MILL HAS JARRED TIV COMMUNITY IN NORTH. STORIES ARE  
CIRCULATING IN KADUNA, WITHOUT ANY APPARENT BASIS IN  
FACT, THAT AKAHAN'S CHOPPER WAS SABOTAGED OR SHOT DOWN  
BY HAUSA MEN.

2. CONSULATE POLITICAL ASSISTANT REPORTED CONVERSATION

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TION ON THIS SUBJECT WITH JOHN FATEH, TIV EMPLOYEE  
MINFIN WHO CLAIMS HE RELATIVE OF AKAHAN. POL ASSISTANT  
SAYS HE BELIEVES FATEH HAD HIS STORY FROM OLDER  
BROTHER WHO IS INFLUENTIAL MEMBER KADUNA TIV COMMUNITY.  
ACCORDING FATEH, TIVS BELIEVE HAUSA LEADERS HAVE BEEN  
EXORCISED OVER MIDDLE BELT DOMINATION OF ARMY COMMAND  
(GOWON/AKAHAN) AND THIS IN TIV MINDS IS MOTIVE FOR  
HAUSA MOVE ELIMINATE AKAHAN. TIV SUSPICIONS OF HAUSA  
MEN SUPPOSEDLY CONFIRMED BY ABSENCE HASSEN KATSINA

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AND OTHER HAUSA OFFICERS FROM KADUNA AIRPORT WHEN COFFIN CONTAINING AKAHAN REMAINS TRANSITED KADUNA ENROUTE LAGOS.

3. DAY AFTER AKAHAN DEATH THERE WERE VAGUE REPORTS OF TIV MEETINGS AND TALK OF TIVS WITHDRAWING FROM KADUNA AND OTHER PARTS OF NORTH TO TIV HOMELAND IN BENUE. OBJECT OF RUMORED WITHDRAWAL TO TIVLAND WAS NOT CLEAR BUT FATEH SAID THERE IS TALK TIV ARMY MEN WANT TO WITHDRAW FROM BATTLE FRONT AND ELSEWHERE AND CONCENTRATE IN TIVLAND FOR FIGHT WITH HAUSAS.

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4. TIV CIVIL SERVANT COMPLETES STORY BY ALLEGING OFFICER BEING CONSIDERED FOR AKAHAN REPLACEMENT IS KANO HAUSA MAN. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT MENTION NAME, TIVS MAY HAVE KANO HAUSA MAN COLONEL MUHAMMED MURTALLA IN MIND.

5. COMMENT: CONSULATE REGARDS TALK OF INTENTIONAL KILLING OF AKAHAN AND TIV INTENTIONS WITHDRAW TO HOMELAND TO PREPARE FOR FIGHT AGAINST HAUSAS AS EMOTIONAL CHATTER BORN OUT OF CONSTERNATION OVER DEATH OF TIV MILITARY HERO AND LONG-STANDING TIV SUSPICIONS OF HAUSA PEOPLE.

6. HASSAN KATSINA'S FAILURE APPEAR AT KADUNA AIRPORT PROBABLY DUE HIS ABSENCE IN BENUE TOURING FIGHTING FRONTS AS REPORTED IN DAILY TIMES AUGUST 9. NEVERTHELESS DAILY TIMES QUOTATION OF KATSINA RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S QUESTION IN LAGOS WHETHER KATSINA INTENDED ATTEND AKAHAN FUNERAL NOT LIKELY ERASE TIV SUSPICIONS THAT KATSINA WAS NO FRIEND OF AKAHAN. ACCORDING DAILY

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TIMES KATSINA REPLIES HE WAS IN LAGOS "FIRST AND FOREMOST ON BUSINESS. I HAVE JUST BEEN TO THE FRONTS AND I AM HERE PRINCIPALLY TO MEET THE MAJOR-GENERAL ON THE

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WHOLE STATE OF THINGS. BUT IF I'M STILL AROUND WHEN THE FUNERAL IS HELD, I WILL SURELY ATTEND." IN ADDITION HASSAN'S MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO GOWON CERTAINLY NO PAEON FOR LATE COLONEL. HASSAN MESSAGE SAID "THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND MYSELF SEND OUR DEEP CONDOLENCES TO YOU OVER DEATH OF OUR COLLEAGUE, THE CHIEF OF STAFF COLONEL AKAHAN." KATSANA MESSAGE CONTRASTS WITH MESSAGE FROM FORMER POLICEMAN GOVERNOR GOMWALK OF BENUE-PLATEAU STATE WHO BEYOND ORDINARY CONDOLENCES SPOKE OF HIS PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH AKAHAN AND LAUDED AKAHAN'S CALM DEMEANOR IN FACE OF CONFUSION AND BEHAVIOR THAT GAVE IMMENSE CONFIDENCE TO MAINTENANCE ONENESS OF COUNTRY.

3. WHILE REPORTED TIV REACTIONS TO AKAHAN DEATH ARE PROBABLY ONLY MOMENTARY EMOTIONAL OUTBURST, THEIR IMPORTANCE IFUTURE LIES IN REVELATION THAT TIV MEN BELIEVE HAUSAS UNHAPPY WITH MIDDLE BELT-DOMINATED

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ARMY AND SUSPECT HAUSAS PREPARED TAKE DESPERATE MEASURES  
TO RESTORE THEIR DOMINANT POSITION.  
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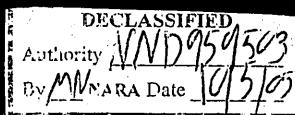
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PAGE 2 ENUGU 315GG C O N F I D E N T I A L  
SITREP 1530Z AUGUST 91. MIDWEST FRONT. AT 1300Z AID LOCAL EMPLOYEE WAS TOLD BY  
RELATIVES IN ONITSHA THAT NIGER BRIDGE OPEN TO EASTBOUNDI  
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TRAFFIC AND THAT REFUGEES CROSSING INTO "BIAFRA" IN LARGE NUMBERS. SAID APPROXIMATELY 1500 "BIAFRAN" TROOPS CROSSED BRIDGE INTO MIDWEST LATE LAST NIGHT. LOCAL EMPLOYEES REPORT SEEING HEAVY TROOP MOVEENTS IN ENUGU LATE LAST NIGHT; HEAVY MILITARY TRAFFIC CONTINUES TODAY. AT 1355Z AT LEAST ONE B-26 WAS SEEN HEADING IN WESTERLY DIRECTION.

2. ENUGU. ALL QUIET BUSINESS AS USUAL. LOCAL RADIO HAS NOT RPT NOT YET MENTIONED ACTIVITY IN MIDWEST ALTHOUGH BBC AND "VOICE OF THE GOSPEL" REPORTS HAVE BEEN HEARD HERE.

3. SAFEHAVEN. SINCE NIGER BRIDGE OPEN FOR EASTBOUND TR FFIC, CONSULATE STANDING BY TO ASSIST ANY AMCIT OR OTHER EXPAT EVACUEES WHO ARRIVE. HOTELS AT ENUGU AND PORT HARCOURT ARE VIRTUALLY EMPTY AND CAN ACCOMMODATE SEVERAL HUNDRED IF NECESSARY.

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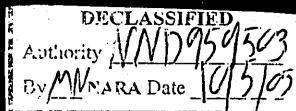
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1. AID MADE RADIO CONTACT WITH BENIN AT 1545 LOCAL. BENIN REPORTS SHARP FIGHTING STILL UNDERWAY BUT ALL AMERICANS SAFE. UNABLE TO MOVE OUT AT PRESENT.  
2. OIL COMPANY EMPLOYEES IN WARRI-BURUTU AREA HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY RADIO TO EVACUATE ON SHIPS PRESENTLY IN AREA.  
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Colonel Eyadema issued another statement of moral support of General Gowon, and the Federal Republic of Nigeria, on July 28 following his meeting with members of the second special Nigerian delegation to arrive in Lome within a month. The delegation included Mr. Henri Okunnu, Federal Minister for Public Works & Buildings, and Chairman of the group; Mr. Maliki, First Secretary in the African Department of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Mr. Enahoro, Under Secretary of the Federal MFA. Mr. Enahoro headed the previous group which called on Colonel Eyadema on July 3 and elicited a similar statement of support (reftel).

According to press reports, the Chief of State, at the conclusion of the 75-minute meeting, promised, "Ojukwu will have no encouragement from us." Eyadema then added, possibly shedding some light on his motives for these declarations of support, "In order to prevent this (sort of crisis) from appearing elsewhere, it will be necessary that all Africans of good give their moral support to the Federal authorities."

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11 AT PRESS CONF AUG 8, FEDERAL GOVT SPOKESMAN RELEASED  
FACSIMILE TWO DOCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY FROM OFFICE "MILITARY GOVERNOR  
REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA," LT. COL. OJUKWU. ONE IS POWER OF ATTORNEY  
AUTHORIZING FRANCIS NWOKEDI TO NEGOTIATE WITH "BARON DU ROURE  
AND J.P. MALLET, PARIS," FOR THE "GRANT" OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE

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TO " REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA" UP TO THE EQUIVALENT OF POUNDS 6 MILLION  
STERLING. FIRST PAYMENT OF POUNDS 1 MILLION TO BE MADE  
AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY ON CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH TERMS OF SECOND DOCUMENT. SECOND DOCUMENT IS CESSION  
BY OJUKWU TO " ROTCHILD ISICI BROS, BANK, FRANCE" EXCLUSIVE  
RIGHTS OF EXPLOITATION AND EXTRACTION OF ALL DEPOSITS OF  
"COLUMBITE, URANIUM, COAL, TINE CONCENTRATES, NATURAL OIL,  
AND GOLD ORE" IN " BIAFRAZ FOR 10 YEAR PERIOD.

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2: FACSIMILES PUBLISHED BY MORNING PAPERS AUGUST 9  
APPEAR TO BE CLUMSLY FORGERIES DESIGNED MAKE DIG AT FRENCH  
AND ALIENATE FROM OJUKWU THOSE OIL COMPANIES WITH CONCESSIONS  
IN EAST. NEVERTHELESS, WOULD APPRECIATE  
INQUIRIES BY EMBASSY PARIS AS TO WHO BARON DU ROURE OR J.P.  
MALLEY MWY. BE. AND WHETHER OR NOT ROTHSCHILD BANK HAS ANY CON-  
NECTIONS WITH EASTERN NIGERIA WHICH MIGHT LEND PLAUSIBILITY  
TO ATTEMPT AT FORGERY.

3: FEDERAL GOVT SPOKESMAN COMMENTED THAT OJUKWU'S DOCUMENTS  
"WERE SHOCK TO US" BUT IN ANSWER TO QUESTION WHERE FEDERAL GOVT

PAGE 3 RUTALS 1339CC C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
OBTAINED PAPERS SAID ONLY, "ON COURSE, THERE ARE A GOOD NUMBER  
OF PEOPLE IN EAST WHO WANT AN END TO OJUKWU'S REBELLION, LIKE  
ALL TRUE NIGERIANS."  
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1. AT 1039 LOCAL TIME DEFENSE AD VISOR TO U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER LAGOS TOLD DATT DEP U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER BENIN HAD JUST INFORMED LAGOS THAT FIGHTING BETWEEN (WHAT HE BELIEVED BE EASTERN ARMY FORCES AND LOCAL FMG FORCES HAD BROKEN OUT BENIN CITY 0730 LOCAL TIME THIS MORNING. REPORT SAID QUOTTE AT MOMENT EASTERN FORCES APPEAR TO BE INCHARGE 'UNQUOTE. RELIEF

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IN BENIN IS EASTERN FORCES CROSSED RIVER ONITSHA/ASABA EARLY HOURS MORNING FOR MOVE TO BENIN. DEP HIGH COMM DID NOT KNOW WHEREABOUTS MIL GOVERNOR BRIGADIER DAVID EJOOR. MESSAGE SAID DEPT HIGH COMM BELIEVED MIL ACTIVITY IN MID-WEST POSED THREAT TO EXPATS THERE.

2. LTC I.D. BISALLA, ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF, HQ NIGERIAN ARMY

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SAID THIS MORNING THAT HE HAD HAD CALL FROM MAJOR SAMUEL OGBUMEDIA ASSIGNED FMG FORCES BENIN AT 0720 LOCAL THIS MORNING TELLING HIM MIL ACTION BENIN AREA IMMINENT. BISALLA HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS THIS TIME.

3. DEP IG NIGERIA POLICE, AND MEMBER SUPREME MIL COUNCIL, MR. T. OMO BARE, NATIVE MID-WEST NORTH BENIN, TOLD DATT 1045 LOCAL THIS MORNING HE UNAWARE AS YET WHEREABOUTS OR FATE EJOOR. SOURCE TOLD DATT HE ATTEMPTING MAKE CONTACT MID-WEST NOW AND WOULD INFORM DATT IF HE ABLE DETERMINE DETAILS SITUATION.

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EASTERN MIL INVASION MID-WESTERN STATE.  
1. INFO AVAILABLE TO DATT FROM SOURCE WHO ATTENDED MEETING  
GOWON, BISALLA, ROTIMIN, AKINRINADE, WEY AND LT CO I & B. M. HARUNA  
(WHO WILL LEAD INITIAL FMG REACTION FORCE TO INVASION) THIS  
AFTERNOON AT DODAN BARRACKS INDICATES:  
A. GOWON, CHARACTERISTICALLY, CONCERNED BUT NOT NOTICEABLY  
UPSET OVER SITUATION. IT APPEARS LIKELIHOOD THIS INVASION

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OCCURRING NOT ALTOGETHER UNEXPECTED ALTHOUGH POSSIBILITY EXISTS  
SOME FMG PLANNERS HAD DOWNGRADED PROBABILITIES RECENT DAYS.  
B. ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY FINAL DECISION FMG COURSE OF ACTION IN  
RESPONSE THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT NOT YET MADE. SOURCE CAME AWAY  
FROM MEETING WITH DEFINITE IMPRESSION GOWON DOES NOT SEEM  
INCLINED MAKE MAJOR REVISIONS FMG OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND PLANS  
AGAINST EAST. HE APPEARS RECOGNIZE ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE MADE  
MEET SERIOUS PROBLEMS POSED BY EASTERN MOVE, BUT SEEMS INCLINED  
KEEP FOCUS ON ENUGU AND HARCOURT.  
C. ALL CONCERNED PRESENTLY CONCENTRATING ON ASSIGNING TASKS

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TO COMMANDER INITIAL FMG REACTION FORCE ( WHICH NOW ROADBOUND DIRECTION TARGET AREA ) LTC IBRAHIM B MO HARUNA WHO HAS BEEN ACTING COMMANDER LAGOS GARRISON ORGANIZATION. REACTION FORCE IS COMPOSITE UNIT APPROX ONE BN STRENGTH. TWO BASIC TASKS SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED. FIRST, GET AS FAR INTO MIDWEST AS POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH EASTERN FORCES, AND/OR MID-WESTERN FORCES NOW RESPONSIVE TO EASTERN COMMAND. AND IN COURSE FIRST TASK, SECURE BRIDGES ALONG ROUTE AS FORCE MOVES. D. FMG LIKELY DO NO MORE THAN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY MEET

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EASTERN MOVE. SOURCE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE, PRIMARILY, IN NATURE ESTABLISHING SUCH POSITIONS AS NECESSARY TO CONTAIN EASTERN MOVES. SOURCE DID NOT THINK GOSON OR ANY PLANNERS PRESENT INTERESTED AT ALL IN ATTEMPTING DISLODGE INVADING FORCES THIS POINT. (CONTAINMENT, RATHER THAN REDUCTION, OF THREAT SEEMS TO BE OVERALL AIM.  
E. THERE FULL RECOGNITION OF FACT EAST NOW HAS MADE MOVE WHICH COULD LEAD TO USE DEEP WATER PORTS OFF ESCRAVOS RIVER AND COASTAL VESSEL PORTS OFF FORCADOS RIVER. AS RESULT, FMG DEFENSIVE POTENTIAL EITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES NOW BEING CONSIDERED. ( DATT COMMENT: UNTIL TWO ADDITIONAL ISDB'S ORDERED FROM U.K. ARRIVE IT RECOGNIZED FMG MAY BE HARD PRESSED MAINTAIN NAVAL PRESENCE BONNY, CROSS RIVER AT CALABAR AND THESE TWO NEW RIVER ENTRANCES. IN THIS CONNECTION, U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR TOLD DATT TODAY ISDB'S, WITH CIVILIAN CONTRACT CREWS ABOARD FOR TRANSIT PURPOSES FROM UK TO NIGERIA, COULD BE IN NIGERIAN WATERS QUOTE WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.)  
F. ALL CONCERNED ALSO SEEM TO RECOGNIZE FACT EAST NOW HAS AVAILABLE TO IT AIRFIELD FACILITIES CONSIDERABLY CLOSER TO LAGOS THAN FACILITIES HERETOFORE AVAILABLE IN EAST. IN THIS

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RESPECT, HOWEVER, ARRIVAL NEW ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS AND FIRST OF CZECH JETS SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN EDGE OFF THIS CONCERN.  
3. BASICALLY, SOURCE SAID, FMG REACTION SEEMS TO BE THAT ALTHOUGH THIS MOVE APPARENTLY WELL CONCEIVED, PLANNED, TIMED

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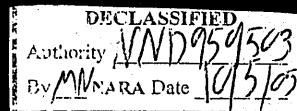
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AND EXECUTED MANEUVER IN WHICH EASTERN TACTICIANS TOOK BOLD AND SOUND ADVANTAGE CERTAIN NATURAL ADVANTAGES ACCRUING TO THEM BY VIRTUE FACT MID-WESTERN OFFICERS OF KNOWN SYMPATHY TO EAST CONTROLLED MID-WESTERN FORCES. FMG NEED NOT BE DIVERTED FROM BASIC PLAN OF ATTACK BEYOND NECESSARY BLOCKING AND CONTAINMENT. MOST DISTURBING ASPECT OF AFFAIR FROM FMG POINT OF VIEW SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN THAT EASTERN ECONOMY NOW HAS GAINED ACCESS TO FOOD RESOURCES IN MID-WEST WHICH IT DID NOT HAVE FULL ACCESS TO.

4. INFO AVAILABLE FROM AMCONSUL IBADAN AS OF LATE THIS AFTERNOON IS THAT BASICALLY YOURBA NEW FMG ELEVENTH BATTALION DEPARTED IBADAN THIS AFTERNOON FOR BLOCKING POSITIONS ON ROADS LEADING INTO WESTERN STATE FROM MIDWEST. THIS WOULD PUT THIS BN, ESSENTIALLY, ALONG ROUTE THREE AT AKURE AND OWO AND ON ROAD SOUTHWEST AKURE AT ONDO. DETAILED DISPOSITION THIS BN NOT YET FIRM BUT GENERAL ORIENTATION WILL BE AS INDICATED.  
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1. FURTHER TO MY SECRET IMMEDIATE 0324 AUG 67.

2. LATEST INFO (1100 LOCAL) AVAILABLE FROM ARMY SOURCES MIN OF DEFENSE INDICATES:

A. THAT WHEN MAJOR SAMUEL OGBEMUDIA (THIS CORRECT SPELLING! (A BINI TRIBESMAN) CALLED BISALLA THIS MORNING HE SAID EJOOR MISSING AND FIGHTING STARTED. PHONE HAD THEN GONE DEAD AND NO WIRE COMMUNICATION REESTABLISHED BENIN SINCE.

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B. BISALLA NOW IN CONFERENCE GOWON AND OTHER MIL FIGURES PLANNING FMG REACTION EASTERN MOVE. BASIC PLANS SET BUT ALLOCATION TROOPS BEING DECIDED RIGHT NOW. IT BELIEVED FEDERAL GUARD TROOPS FROM DODAN BARRACKS WILL BE AMONG FORCES MOVED ON ROADS FROM LAGOS TOWARD BENIN. OTHER TROOPS WILL ALSO GO.

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EXPECTATION NOW IS INITIAL FMG TASK FORCE, WITH REACTION TIME FROM LAGOS HOPED FOR NOON LOCAL TODAY, WILL APPROXIMATE ONE THOUSAND TROOPS.

3. AT 1100 LOCAL UK DEFENSE ADVISOR ADVISED LATEST MESSAGE DEP HIGH COMM BENIN SAID TROOPS AND VEHICLES, BELIEVED EASTERN ORIGIN, MOVING INTO BENIN APPROX 1030 LOCAL THIS MORNING.

4. WATCH WILL BE KEPT ANY INDICATION MOVE FMG FORCES IBADAN AREA IN CONNECTION THIS EASTERN MOVE. BRAND NEW FMG 11TH BN, APPROX 1000 STRONG IN IBADAN. ALSO TO BE WATCHED IS POSSIBILITY FMG REACTION WITH ELEMENTS FIRST RECCE SQUADRON WHICH HAD SCREENING MISSION WEST NIGER RIVER AND NORTH MID-WESTERN STATE. DATT ALSO BELIEVES SECOND AREA COMMAND IBADAN HAS COMPANY VICINITY AKURE OR OWO ON ROUTE NINE LEADING FROM WESTERN STATE TO MID-WEST. GP-3

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C O N F I D E N T I A L IBADAN 66

REF: IBADAN 65, 59, 56, A-10

1. EVENING AUGUST 7, CONSULATE OFFICER TALKED WITH WOLE SOYINKA (PROTECT SOURCE) ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES IN EAST. SOYINKA SPENT NIGHT 4TH ASABA, 5TH IN EAST, RETURNING IBADAN 6TH. SOYINKA SAW OJUKWU FOR TWO HOURS AUGUST 5 AND SPENT TIME WITH OTHER FRIENDS INCLUDING CHRISTOPHER OKIGBO. HE UNABLE SEE CYPRIAN

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EKEWENSI, AS LATTER ON FORCED LEAVE DUE EXCESSES RADIO ENUGU (ENUGU 275). AS RESULT DISCUSSIONS IN EAST, SOYINKA DID NOT BOTHER SEE ANYONE IN MID-WEST.

2. OJUKWU REJECTED IDEA OF TEMPORARY CEASE-FIRE AS HE BELIEVES CONDUCT OF POLICE ACTION SO FAR DEMONSTRATES EAST ABLE HOLD DOWN

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AGAINST FMG. OJUKWU WILLING NEGOTIATE ONCE ALL FMG FORCES DRIVEN FROM EASTERN SOIL. OJUKWU POINTED OUT FMG HAS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND PAUSE ONLY AFFORD OPPORTUNITY FMG REARM FASTER RATE THAN EAST. OJUKWU CLAIMS EAST HAS SUFFICIENT WEAPONS AND MEANS CARRY ON HOSTILITIES ALMOST INDEFINITELY; PIPELINE FOR RECEIVING MILITARY SUPPLIES STILL OPEN (NO DETAILS). SOYINKA OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED BY OJUKWU'S REJECTION SUGGESTION CEASE-FIRE AND NOW CONCLUDES THAT "IT MUST BE FIGHT TO FINISH, BUT I CONVINCED JUSTICE WILL BE DONE." (UNCLEAR WHAT HE MEANS BY JUSTICE BUT FROM CONTEXT APPARENTLY MEANS EAST WILL MAKE A GOOD FIGHT OF IT AND OBTAIN SETTLEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO IT.)

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3. SOYINKA ALSO IMPRESSED BY CALM ATMOSPHERE ENUGU AND PREVADING FEELING OF CONFIDENCE THA EAST GOING TO WIN OUT IN END. SOYINKA CONVINCED FMG FORCES NEVER WITHIN 20 MILES ENUGU AS TRANSMITTERS RADIO ENUGU LOCATED 14 MILES NW AND FMG COULD DESTROY FROM 8 MILE DISTANCE. (COMMENT: THIS, OF COURSE, DOES NOT PROVE THAT FMG PATROLS MAY NOT HAVE PUSHED AS FAR AS FMG CLAIMS.)

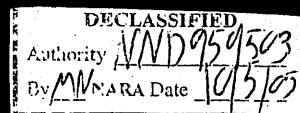
4. SOYINKA HAS KNOWN OJUKWU FOR SOME TIME. WHEN ASKED HIS IMPRESSION OF THE BEARDED ONE, SOYINKA SAID HE ALWAYS HAD LOOKED ON OJUKWU AS LITTLE BOY WHO HAD NEVER GROWN UP. SAID PRESENT GAME OF WAR TO OJUKWU'S LIKING AND CITED INSTANCE OF WHEN REPORT SWEEPING ENUGU THAT FMG FORCES ONLY 9 MILES AWAY, OJUKWU INSISTED LEAPING INTO VEHICLE IN MIDDLE OF NIGHT AND DRIVING UNTIL HE HEARD GUNFIRE JUST SOUTH NSUKKA (ENUGU 85).

5. SOYINKA LEARNED DEATH CHIEF OF STAFF AKAHAN NIGHT OF 5TH THROUGH INTERCEPTED FMG MESSAGE. IN CONTRAST WE UNDERSTAND FROM SOMEONE WHO PRESENT THAT LT. COL. M. JOHNSON, MILGOV LAGOS STATE, ONLY LEARNED NEWS AFTERNOON 6TH. SOYINKA CLAIMS

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PRACTICALLY ALL FMG MESSAGES INTERCEPTED BY EAST.

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6. SOYINKA INVITED FOR TALK WITH WESTERN POLICE COMMISSIONER OLUFUNWA EARLIER EVENING AUGUST 7. OLUFUNWA SAID LAGOS POLICE HAD FAILED LOCATE HIM DURING SHORT VISIT THAT DAY AND IHAD SENT SIGNAL THAT SOYINKA TO BE PICKED UP AND TAKEN LAGOS FOR QUESTIONING. SOYINKA SAID HE SAW NO REASON GO LAGOS BUT AGREED COOPERATE HERE. OLUFUNWA SAID FMG UNHAPPY OVER SOYINKA CHARACTERIZING PRESENT POLICE ACTION AS "CIVIL WAR." SOYINKA ASKED WHAT ELSE IT WAS WHEN PLANES, TANKS, FIELD ARTILLERY, BOMBS AND COMBINED LAND SEA AND AIR FORCES PARTICIPATING IN ACTION? SOYINKA SAID WITH SOME GLEE THAT OLUFUNWA FINALLY AGREED THAT IN FUTURE ACTION MIGHT BE CHARACTERIZED AS "CIVIL CONFLICT."

7. COMMENT: WHILE SOYINKA APPARENTLY GIVING UP HIS CAMPAIGN FOR CEASE-FIRE BECAUSE OF FAILURE TO GAIN SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT ON EITHER SIDE, ANOTHER FACTOR MAY BE THAT HE NOW HAS FEELING THAT FMG WOULD NOT WIN DECISIVE MILITARY VICTORY.

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REF: IBADAN 66, 59, 56, A-10

SUBJECT: COMMENT ON SOYINKA EFFORTS TO OBTAIN CEASEFIRE.

FULL TEXT SOYINKA LETTER (SEE A-10) PRINTED AUGUST 4  
WESTERN GOV'T OWNED "NIGERIAN DAILY SKETCH" AND AUGUST 7  
AG-LEANING "TRIBUNE".

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2. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS APPEARED IN SEVERAL PAPERS. "SKETCH"  
SUPPORTED SOYINKA IN "COMMENT ON APPEAL FOR TRUCE" AUGUST 5.  
WHILE GRANTING FMG WINNING PRESENT POLICE ACTION, SKETCH SAID  
"WE FEEL IT HOPELESSLY UNREALISTIC WAIT UNTIL REBELS CRUSHED.  
WE BELIEVE OJUKWU HAVING HAD TASTE OF DEFEAT AND HAVING LOST

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STRONG BARGAINING POSITION WOULD PROBABLY NEGOTIATE. WE THEREFORE APPEAL GENERAL GOWON TO CALL TEMPORARY TRUCE. LET US SILENCE GUNS SO WE CAN FIND OUT IF OJUKWU CAN BE PERSUADED BY ADVISERS TURN BACK FROM BRINK TOTAL COLLAPSE."

3. ON AUGUST 7 "SKETCH" PRINTED CRITICAL LETTER IN WHICH AUTHOR THOUGHT SOYINKA HAD "JUST ARRIVED NIGERIA FROM OUTER SPACE AND THAT HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH UNDER-LIE PRESENT ARMS CLASH. ONE SUCH ISSUE IS FATE AND FUTURE 5 MILLION NON-IBOS OF FORMER EASTERN REGION...IF MEN LIKE SOYINKA HAD TOLD OJUKWU SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THAT HE COMMITTING ONE BLUNDER AFTER ANOTHER, PERHAPS PRESENT CALAMITY WHICH BEMOANED SO ELOQUENTLY IN ARTICLE MAY HAVE BEEN AVERTED. LET SOYINKA AND OTHERS WHO THINK LIKE HIM TRY PERSUADE OJUKWU WITHDRAW FORWITH FROM RIVERS AND SOUTH-EASTERN

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STATES AND LET US SEE WHETHER GENERAL GOWON WILL NOT IMMEDIATELY RESPOND."

4. IN "FRONT PAGE COMMENT" OF SAME DATE, FMG OWNED "MORNING POST" SAYS "IT'S UP TO OJUKWU." POST ADMITS "WAR OR POLICE ACTION SHOULD NOT BE BASIS RESOLVING HUMAN DISPUTES...BUT WE NOT LIVE IN IDEAL WORLD...THAT IS WHY CURRENT POLICE ACTION THOUGH UNFORTUNATE INEVITABLE. PRESENT ACTION MUST GO ON UNTIL THOSE WHO FIRED FIRST SHOT PREPARED LAY DOWN ARMS AND DECLARE CONTINUED LOYALTY TO "LAND OF BIRTH." POST DOES NOT SUBSCRIBE TO VIEW OF IBADAN CONTEMPORARY THAT GOWON SHOULD SUE FOR TEMPORARY TRUCE AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATION. NO GUIDELINES GIVEN OR GUARANTEE THAT OJUKWU WOULD KEEP TRUCE. POST BELIEVES OJUKWU WOULD SEIZE OPPORTUNITY REPLENISH EMPTY ARSENAL AND REORGANIZE ALREADY WORSTED TROOPS. TRUCE MERELY PROLONG POLICE ACTION. APPEAL FROM IBADAN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ENUGU. OJUKWU IS ONE MAN WHO CAN STOP POLICE ACTION AND HE JOLLY WELL KNOWS WHAT TO DO."

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5. NORTHERN GOVT OWNED "NEW NIGERIAN" (KADUNA 139) ON 7TH  
IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL QUESTIONED "WHY THIS STUPIDITY?"  
EDITORIAL SAYS "WELL MEANING NIGERIANS HAVE CALLED FOR  
PAUSE IN POLICE ACTION. THEY WANT PEACE -- SO DO WE ALL.  
ANY PAUSE BEFORE CONCESSIONS MAKES NONSENSE OF POLICE ACTION."

6. "SKETCH" CONTINUED CAMPAIGN FOR CEASE FIRE IN AUGUST 8  
COMMENT ON DEATH ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AKAHAN: "HIS DEATH  
HAS ALSO ONCE AGAIN POSED MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION: IS IT NOT TIME  
WE CALLED TRUCE AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS  
AND FOR CHANGE OF HEART ON PART OF REBELS?"

7. PRIVATELY, NUMBER OF YORUBAS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF AG PERSUASION,  
HAVE TOLD CONSULATE OFFICERS THEY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS  
AFTER FMG SUCCESSFUL IN POLICE ACTION AGAINST EAST. FEW  
PREPARED TAKE PUBLIC STANCE TO EXTENT SOYINKA ARTICLE.  
DR. ASUNI, PSYCHIATRIST IN CHARGE ARO MENTAL HOSPITAL, BELIEVES  
TEMPORARY TRUCE WOULD COST FMG NOTHING AND, IF IT FAILED, WOULD  
CLEARLY PUT ONUS ON OJUKWU FOR CONTINUATION OF WAR. G. ONAGARUWA,  
GENERAL MANAGER CO-OP BANK, AGREES THAT NOW TIME FOR PAUSE IN ORDER  
SEE IF SETTLEMENT CAN BE OBTAINED WITHOUT RESORT FURTHER BLOODSHED.

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8. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOYINKA EFFORT DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE  
GOTTEN OFF GROUND, HIS LETTER HAS STIRRED UP SUFFICIENT  
INTEREST TO PROVOKE CRITICAL RESPONSE FROM STRONG SUPPORTERS  
OF FMG POLICE ACTION, SUCH AS POST AND NEW NIGERIAN.

9. CONSULATE OFFICER SPOKE TO REPORTERS FROM POST, SKETCH  
AND TRIBUNE ON AUGUST 5. ALL SAID THAT FMG HAD ISSUED  
WARNING PAPERS NOT PRINT ANYTHING OF POLITICAL NATURE WHICH  
THEY ASSUMED WAS DIRECTED TOWARDS SOYINKA EFFORT. HOWEVER,  
FMG WARNING SEEMS AIMED PRIMARILY AT AGITATION FOR ADDITIONAL  
STATES. NOTICE PUBLISHED AUGUST 5 (LAGOS 1252) SAYS THAT  
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEDIA ARE TO REFRAIN FROM PUBLISHING COMMENT  
FOR MORE STATES IN WEST, AS PERIOD OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY "IS  
NOT TIME FOR POLITICAL CONTROVERSIES." PUBLIC REMINDED THAT  
"POLITICAL ACTIVITIES REMAIN BANNED." ALHAJI ADEGBENRO TOLD

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ME AUGUST 4 THAT AWO CONCERNED OVER AGITATION FOR STATES AND HAD PREVAILED ON GOWON TO ISSUE STATEMENT BANNING IT. HOWEVER, SOYINKA AGREES THAT BAN ON DISCUSSION WESTERN STATES ISSUE COULD BY IMPLICATION BE APPLIED TO HIS PEACE EFFORTS (LAGOS 1252), THOUGH HE UNAWARE AWO INITIATIVE. SOYINKA TRIP EAST REPORTED IBADAN'S 66.

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REF# LAGOS 1254 AND 1275

1. MORNING POST TODAY CARRIED FULL TEXT AMB. ADE MARTINS LETTER  
TO RESNICK, WHILE DAILY TIMES REPRINTED FMG COVERING  
RELEASE UNDER SIX-COLUMN HEAD "NIGERIA PROTESTS TO U.S.  
CONGRESSMAN" AND PROMISES "FULL TEXT OF LETTER TOMORROW."

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2. COMMENT: SLOW REACTION TIME IS TYPICAL OF FMG DELIBERATE  
STYLE IN PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY,  
THIS KIND PRESS PLAY ALSO REPRESENTS FMG DETERMINATION  
REMIND US THEY WATCHING US ACTIONS, AND REACTIONS, TO  
NIGERIAN DEVELOPMENTS, VERY CLOSELY. MATHEWS

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AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU 210  
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1. FMG YESTERDAY ISSUED PRESS RELEASE GIVING EXCEPTS OF PERSONAL LETTER TO GOWON FROM SOMALI PRESIDENT SHERMARKE, WHO ASSURED FMG OF SUPPORT IN TASK KEEPING NIGERIA TOGETHER.

2. SHERMARKE QUOTED AS SAYING GOS POLICY " DICTATED BY OUR BELIEF NIGERIA WAS PILLAR AND PIVOT UPON WHICH AFRICAN UNITY COULD BE BUILT. FURTHERMORE, SOMALI GOVT AND PEOPLE BELIEVE IN ORDER ACHIEVE AFRICAN UNITY, EXISTING STATES

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SHOULD FEDERATE OR FORM INTO BIGGER UNITS AND NOT FRAGMENT AND FALL PREY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. CITING SOMALIA'S " UNIQUE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP " WITH NIGERIA, SHERMARKE SAID SOMALIA " COULD NEVER BE PARTY TO ANY COLLABORATION WITH OTHER STATES TO DISINTERGRATE NIGERIA."

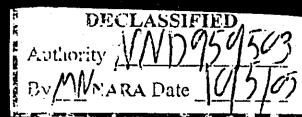
3. FMG RELEASE CONCLUDES BY QUOTING SOMALI PRESIDENT AS HAVING RECALLED HIS GOVT'S VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED THROUGH SYG OF THE OAU AND THAT HE HAD ASSURED FMG THAT GOS

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" WOULD NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, BY WORD OR DEED, INTERFERE IN WHAT WAS PURELY DOMESTIC AFFAIR OF PEOPLE OF NIGERIA, AND WOULD NOT, RPT NOT, EXTEND RECOGNITION TO SECESSIONIST REGIME OF EASTERN NIGERIA." SHERMARKE QUOTED AS SAYING THIS " REMAINS" GOS POLICY.  
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1. NEW NIGERIAN NEWS AUGUST 7 IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ENTITLED "WHY THIS STUPIDITY" CONDEMS "SOME WELL-MEANING NIGERIANS (WHO) HAVE CALLED FOR A PAUSE IN POLICE ACTION AGAINST REBELS." NN SAYS IT WANTS PEACE AS MUCH AS "PATRIOTS" BUT ASKS WHETHER AS MUCH CAN BE SAID FOR

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REBELS. "WE WANT A SETTLEMENT. THEY WANT WAR," NN.  
PAPER SAYS MINIMUM CONCESSIONS WHICH REBELS MUST MAKE ARE RECOGNITION OF FMG AND ACCEPTANCE OF STATES CREATED.  
"ANY PAUSE BEFORE SUCH CONCESSIONS MAKES Nonsense OF THE POLICE ACTION." THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THAT POINT IN TIME WHEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OUGHT TO ORDER A PAUSE IN ITS ACTION."

2. COMMENT: NN DOES NOT IDENTIFY "WELL-MEANING

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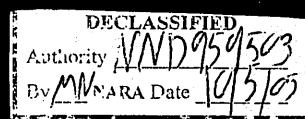
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NIGERIANS WHO SUPPOSEDLY HAVE CALLED FOR PAUSE IN THE FIGHTING. WOULD APPEAR, HOWEVER, THAT EDITOR ADAMU CIROMA MUST HAVE GOTTEN WIND OF A FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT IN THIS DIRECTION FOR HIM TO GIVE OUT WITH FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL WHICH COULD OPEN UP PUBLIC DEBATE THIS QUESTION.

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SUBJECT: NIGERIA WEEKEND DEVELOPMENTS

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1. FMG ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, AKAHAN, WAS KILLED IN HELICOPTER CRASH EN ROUTE TO MAKURDI AUGUST 5, AFTER VISITING FIGHTING FRONTS NEAR NSUKKA AND OGOJA. CRASH APPARENTLY ACCIDENTAL. TWO PILOTS ALSO KILLED WERE NIGERIANS. AKAHAN PRAISED BY GOWON AND EULOGISED IN LAGOS PRESS TODAY.

2. FMG MILITARY SPOKESMAN AUG. 5 ANNOUNCED DISTRIBUTION OF AN "APPEAL TO ALL IBOS, EFIKS, EKOIS, IBIBIOS, IJAWS AND ALL OTHER NIGERIANS" IN EASTERN STATES TO TURN THEIR

PAGE 2 RUTALS 1252CC C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BACKS ON OJUKWU. SPOKESMAN SAID 10,000 COPIES OF LEAFLET HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND IT IS BEING DROPPED IN EAST BY NIGERIAN AIR FORCE PLANES. LEAFLET EMPHASIZES FMG IS NOT

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FIGHTING IBOS AS A PEOPLE, THAT RIGHTS OF PEOPLE OF EAST CENTRAL STATE WILL BE MAINTAINED AND WHEN FIGHTING IS OVER, FMG WILL ENSURE "PEOPLE'S FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND THEIR RIGHT TO PROPERTY EVERYWHERE IN THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA."

3. AT SAME PRESS CONFERENCE, FMG SPOKESMAN STATED FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ARE "PREOCCUPIED ON HOW TO WIN THE PEACE". THIS HAS BEEN CONTINUING THEME IN GOVT STATEMENTS AND IN GOVT CONTROLLED PRESS. COMMENT: THIS IS ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT. LEAFLET SETS DESIRABLE TONE FOR FMG APPROACH TO IBO PROBLEMS IN POST-WAR PERIOD.

4. SERVING NOTICE TO POLITICANS, FMG ISSUED STERN WARNING ORDERING ALL NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER MEDIA TO REFRAIN FROM PUBLISHING COMMENTS ON DEMANDS FOR MORE STATES IN WESTERN STATE. A CABINET OFFICE STATEMENT WARNED THAT

PAGE 3 RUTALS 1252CC C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMITED OFFICIAL USE NEITHER GOWON'S NAME, NOR THAT OF ANY MEMBER OF FMG SHOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH AGITATION IN WEST OR WITH ANY PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA. REMINDING PUBLIC THAT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES REMAIN BANNED, FMG SAID "THIS PERIOD OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY IS NOT THE TIME FOR POLITICAL CONTROVERSIES." COMMENT: THIS COULD ALSO BE REACTION TO PUBLICATION OF LETTER FROM WOLE SOYINKA, WHICH REPORTED BY CONSUL IBADAN (A-10), AS WELL AS TO AGITATION FOR MORE STATES IN WEST.

5. COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF PERSONS INDIGENOUS TO EAST CENTRAL STATE LIVING IN LAGOS WAS ANNOUNCED TO BEGIN AUGUST 9. THERE ARE AS YET UNSPECIFIED PENALTIES FOR NOT REGISTERING. FMG SPOKESMAN CLAIMED 30,000 CITIZENS OF EAST CENTRAL STATE STILL IN THIS AREA. COMMENT: REGISTRATION ANNOUNCED AS "CIVIL DEFENSE" MEASURE, WHICH COULD ALARM IBOS MORE THAN IF HANDLED DIRECTLY BY POLICE. WE DO NOT EXPECT MAD RUSH TO REGISTER ON PART REMAINING NERVOUS EASTERNERS, DESPITE FMG STATEMENT THAT REGISTRATION IS AIMED AT "PROTECTING" EASTERNERS.

6. RADIO ENUGU AUGUST 5 CARRIED STATEMENT BY OJUKWU IN WHICH

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HE WARNED THAT ANY ATTEMPT BY MID WESTERN GOVT TO ALLOW  
NORTHERN TROOPS TO STAY IN MID WEST MADE THAT REGION  
"A BATTLE GROUND". IN DECLARING THAT "BIAFRA" WILL NOT  
DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN BIAFRANS AND IKA IBOS, OJUKWU SAID  
"WE LIVE TOGETHER AND WE SHALL DIE TOGETHER, AND IF WE  
MUST DIE, I WANT US TO DIE JOINTLY." COMMENT: WE  
DOUBT THIS CONSTITUTES MUCH RE-ASSURANCE FOR  
MID WESTERN IBOS, WHO MAY NOT BE AS EAGER TO COMMIT  
POLITICAL SUICIDE AS OJUKWU SEEMS TO BE.

7. ENUGU RADIO CLAIMED ON AUGUST 6 THAT FMG HAS  
CONCLUDED DEAL WITH UK FOR DELIVERY OF SEVEN B-26 BOMBERS,  
21 T-28, RPT T-28, AND 20 T-6, RPT. T-6, AIRCRAFT. ENUGU  
ALLEGED LEVENTIS CO. FURNISHING PART OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE,  
AND BRITISH SOURCES THE REST. BRITISH PILOTS AND  
TECHNICIANS ALLEGEDLY RECRUITED TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN  
PLANES. COMMENT: UK HIGH COM LAGOS AND BBC HAVE  
VIGOROUSLY DENIED STORY. MATHEWS

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1. IN NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS OVER WEEKEND, ADDITIONAL ITEMS ON  
CURRENT INVOLVEMENT WESTERN-BASED MILITARY UNITS AND FUTURE PLANS  
EMERGED:  
2. DR. ASUNI, PSYCHIATRIST IN CHARGE ARO MENTAL HOSPITAL ON AUGUST 4  
TOLD CONSULATE OFFICER THAT MAJOR DARAMOLA HAD TOLD HIM SEVERAL  
DAYS EARLIER THAT HE HAD RECENTLY INDUCTED 800 NEW RECRUITS.

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DARAMOLA SUPPOSED TO TAKE IN ADDITIONAL RECRUITS, BUT UNABLE  
MEDICALLY PROCESS 800 DUE DEPARTURE DR. GOONEWARDENEN. ASUNI  
SAID WESTERN MILGOV BRIG ADEBAYO HAD STATED DURING VISIT ABEOKUTA  
LAST WEEK THAT THERE NOW 3,000 YORUBAS IN NIGERIAN ARMY.

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COL. OBASANJO, 2ND AREA COMMANDER, QUERIED ON THIS FIGURE ON AUG. 5. AFTER SEVERAL MOMENTS PAUSE FOR CALCULATIONS, SAID FIGURE FAIRLY ACCURATE.

3. ON AUGUST 5 DURING COURTESY CALL ON CAPT. AWOIDA (PHONETIC) CO 2ND FIELD ENGINEERING SQUADRON, BASED IN EDE, I LEARNED THAT HE HAS 250 RECRUITS UNDER BASIC TRAINING FOR PERIODS VARYING FROM TWO TO SIX WEEKS, DEPENDING ON REQUIREMENTS AT FRONT AND ELSEWHERE. AFTER TRAINING AT EDE, RECRUITS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SENT TO ABEOKUTA FOR TWO WEEKS WEAPONS TRAINING. HE ALSO TRAINING NEW ENGINEERING RECRUITS IN BASIC SKILLS OF TROWING UP BRIDGES AND REPAIRING ROADS USING AVAILABLE LOCAL MATERIALS. HE SAID PART OF HIS UNIT SUPPORTING FMG POLICE ACTION IN NSUKKA SECTOR AND COL. OBASANJO SAID FIFTY OF SQUADRON PARTICIPATED IN BONNY LANDINGS. I WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY CAPT. AWOIDA, A YORUBA FROM IFON, WHO OBVIOUSLY TAKES HIS MANY RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY.

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IN ADDITION REGULAR DUTIES, HE LEADS RECRUITS ON NIGHT EXERCISES AND TAKES PERSONAL CHARGE OF SECURING ADEQUATE SUPPLIES FROM IBADAN. HE ADMITS BEING VERY SHORT OFFICERS. HE SAID THAT RECRUITS NOW TOLD ON ENTERING THAT THEY WILL GO TO FRONT AND FIGHT. FIRST TIME THIS HAPPENED SIX DESERTED. NOW, WITH FOREKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY GOING TO FIGHT, ONLY THOSE YORUBAS WHO WILLING TO FIGHT ARE ENLISTING AND BEING TRAINED. COL. OBASANJO SAID HE INSPECTED RECRUITS AT EDE AUG. 5, GAVE THEM TOUGH TALK AND FOUND THEM WELL AWARE OF WHY THEY WERE THERE.

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5. NUMBER OF NEW RECRUITS SIGHTED IN VICINITY OLD 3RD BN CANTONMENT AREA. ALSO 110 SPOTTED RAILROAD STATION IN EVENING

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AUGUST 5 WITHOUT ANY GEAR. APPARENTLY, FROM VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS, RECRUITS GIVEN WHATEVER TRAINING AVAILABLE IN WHATEVER INSTALLATION HAS ROOM. ALL MUST, HOWEVER, GO ABEOKUTA FOR ARMS TRAINING. HE ALSO TRAINING NEW ENGINEERING RECRUITS IN BASIC SKILLS OF TROWING UP BRIDGES AND REPAIRING ROADS USING AVAILABLE LOCAL MATERIALS. THE SAID PART OF HIS UNIT SUPPORTING FMG POLICE ACTION IN NSUKKA SECTOR AND COL. OBASANJO SAID FIFTY OF SQUADRON PARTICIPATED IN BONNY LANDINGS. I WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY CAPT. AWOIDA, A YORUBA FROM IFON, WHO OBVIOUSLY TAKES HIS MANY RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY.

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FOR ARMS TRAINING AS TRAINING DEPOT THERE HAS ONLY RIFLE RANGE  
IN WEST.

6. COL. OBASANJO, CO 2ND AREA COMMAND, STILL CHIEF ENGINEER OF  
NIGERIAN ARMY. HE THEREFORE MUST GO LAGOS EACH WEEK IN ORDER  
TO FULFILL HIS ENGINEERING RESPONSIBILITIES. HE INDICATED THAT HE  
BROOKS NO INTERFERENCE BY ADEBAYO IN MILITARY MATTERS. EVEN  
MAKES ADEBAYO COME THROUGH HIM FOR REQUESTS FOR MILITARY ESCORT  
WHEN GOVERNOR VISITS LAGOS. OBASANJO CONCERNED ABOUT REORGANIZATION  
ARMY AFTER COMPLETION OF PRESENT POLICE ACTION AND OF WHAT TO DO  
WITH EAST. VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD AND NO NONSENSE TYPE WHO  
EXTREMELY LOYAL FMG. HE LEAVES POLITICS TO ADEBAYO AND APPARENTLY  
HE DETERMINED NOT FALL INTO INVOLVEMENT IN YORUBA POLITICAL  
MANEUVERINGS AS DID HIS PREDECESSOR LT. COL. OLUTOYE. ON YORUBA  
OFFICER'S GROUP, OBASANJO SAID IT NOW NO LONGER THE GRIEVANCE  
COMMITTEE THAT IT USED TO BE. ONLY INFORMAL GROUP WHICH  
OCCASSIONALLY MEETS WITH ADEBAYO TO TRY KEEP HIM IN LINE.

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1. LATE AUGUST 5 FMG FMINISTRY OF INFORMATION RELEASED  
ENTIRE TEXT OF AMB. ADE MARTINS' LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN  
RESNICK WITH COVERING THREE-PAGE PRESS RELEASE SUMMARIZING  
THE "PROTEST LETTER". RESNICK WAS DECSRIBED AS "NOTEF FOR  
SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF REBEL OJUKWU'S ILLEGAL REGMINE."

2. LAGOS READIO DOMESTIC SERVICE CARRIED BRIEF STRAIGHT-

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FORWARD SUMMARY OF LETTER EVENING AUGUST 5. SO FAR, THERE  
HAS BEEN NO PRESS USE OF RELEASE. COMMENT: BELIEVE WE  
HAVE BEEN LUCKY TO GET OFF SO LIGHTLY--SO FAR.

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1. FOLLOWING IS EXCERPTED FROM BRITISH HIGHCOM TELEGRAM AUG 4  
REGARDING DIFFICULTIES IN THE EAST CAUSING DEPARTURE OF  
EXPATRIATES: "REPORTS WE HAVE HAD FROM BRITONS LEAVING  
PORT HARCOURT AREA INDICATE DETERIORATING MORALE OF  
EASTERNERS POSSIBLY INDUCED BY CRACKS NOW BEGINNING TO  
APPEAR IN EASTERN FAÇADE, WHICH IS HAVING A HARDENING  
EFFECT ON THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARDS EXPATRIATES, WHOM THEY

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BLAME FOR THEIR TROUBLES. THIS EXACERBATED BY RECENT  
CAMPAIGN OF VIRULENT ANTI-BRITISH PUBLICITY FROM RADIO  
BIAFRA AND IN THE PRESS AGAINST BRITISH FIRMS. ONE  
MANIFESTATION OF THIS IS THAT TRADE UNION LEADERS WHO ARE  
NOW RELUCTANT TO ALLOW BUSINESSMEN TO LEAVE UNLESS THEY GIVE  
EXORBITANT DISCHARGE TERMS TO EMPLOYEES AND EXPATRIATES  
LEAVING ARE BEING REQUIRED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A CERTIFICATE  
FROM THE SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER AND THE PROVINCIAL  
SECRETARY TO PROVE THAT NO TRADE DISPUTE EXISTS IN THE

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EXPATRIATE COMPANY CONCERNED. THERE IS ALSO EVIDENCE THAT SOME EXPATRIATES ARE BEING PREVENTED FROM LEAVING BY EMPLOYEES IN THIS WAY. HAVE DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH LEADING BUSINESSMEN HERE WHO CONFIRM GIST OF THESE REPORTS AND FEEL IN THIS NEW SITUATION THAT PROCESS OF THINNING OUT SHOULD BE EXTENDED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE NOW WHILST ESCAPE ROUTE BY FERRY AT ONITSHA/ASABA REMAINS OPEN.

2. REMAINING BUSINESSMEN IN THE EAST HAVE MOSTLY BEEN GIVEN DISCRETION BY THEIR HEADQUARTERS TO PROCEED AS CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND AND MAY BE RETAINING SERVICES OF SOME

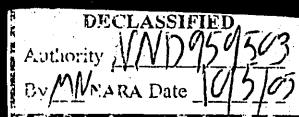
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NOT STRICTLY ESSENTIAL MEN NOW THAT BUSINESS IS SERIOUSLY FALLING OFF. GRATEFUL THEREFORE IF YOU WOULD REITERATE POSITIVE ADVICE THAT ALL WHO CAN SHOULD LEAVE, PARTICULARLY FROM PORT HARCOURT AND ASABA AREAS. POLICY OF THINNING OUT EVERYWHERE SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE CONTINUED AS PRESENT ANTI-EXPATRIATE CAMPAIGN COULD LEAD TO UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS.

3. ONITSHA/ASABA CROSSING IS ALREADY DIFFICULT AND IF THIS ESCAPE ROUTE FINALLY CLOSES AND THE ORAN/CALIBAR/CAMEROON ROUTE IS SEALED OFF YOU WILL NO DOUBT CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF CONCENTRATING ON ENUGU."

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1. Whereas State/AID/W accept validity GOIN assurances pontoons will not be used for military purposes, arrival pontoons Lagos harbor would become public knowledge and could erroneously create impression pontoons for purposes other than that specified in ref 1, and that AID was assisting ENG against Eastern secession. Whereas sale of pontoons approved in principal we would delay delivery until arrival Lagos would not cause embarrassment USG. Consequently, we do not believe GOIN should be encouraged to submit formal request and under no circumstances should required deposit be forwarded. It would be inappropriate for GOIN engineer to visit US at this time.

2. Price quoted \$15 for half pontoon. ~~DO NOT WRITE IN PENCIL OR IN INK~~  
1/2 Pontoon: 360" x 64" x 43" weight 1750 lbs, cube 75%.

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S E C R E T 0323 AUG 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA. SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIAGO. CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACSI.

1. REF MY CONFIDENTIAL MSG 0321 AUG 67 DEATH AKAHAN OCCURRED IN ALOUETTE TWO HELICOPTER WHICH FORMERLY BELONGED IRONSI AND LATER USED BY GOWON AFTER AFFAIR 29 JULY 66 FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM IKEJA HQ. DESPITE STANDING NAF ORDERS PROHIBITING FLIGHTS HELICOPTER AT NITE, AKAHAN DIRECTED NAF PILOTS TAKE OFF ANYWAY FROM GBOKO FOR FORTY MILE FLIGHT MAKURDI TO NORTHWEST. PLANE WENT ONLY EIGHT MILES TOWARD DESTINATION WHEN CRASH OCCURRED.

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LTC ILIYI DANBARAN BISALLA, GSO-1 UNDER AKAHAN, CHRISTIAN MIDDLE BELTER FROM GINDIRI IN PLATEAU/BENUE STATE, NOW ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF NIGERIAN ARMY. BISALLA 1959/61 GRADUATE SANDHURST AND 1966 GRADUATE STAFF COLLEGE, CAMBERLY, U.K. HE LOYAL TO, AND LIKED BY GOWON. FOR LONG RUN MUCH SOUL SEARCHING WILL BE DONE TO COME UP WCTH CHIEF OF STAFF ARMY. BISALLA THINKS SUCH PERSONS AS EJOOR AND KATSINA WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR JOB BUT, FRANKLY, DOES NOT RULE HIMSELF OUT FOR LONG RUN. HE CONSIDERED AGGRESSIVE, HARD WORKING AND COMPETENT AND IS

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PROBABLY KEY PLANNER ANYWAY.

2. WITH RESPECT FMG OPERATIONS BONNY AREA:

A. FMG FORCES STILL ENGAGED CLEARING WAY NORTHWARD UP CHANNEL FROM BONNY TOWARD OKRIKA AND/OR HARCOURT. CURRENT ARMY SITREPS INDICATE DAWES ISLAND, WHICH CONTROLS CHANNELS LEADING TO OKRIKA (FIVE MILES NORTH) AND HARCOURT TO NORTHWEST, FELL TO FMG FORCES MID MORNING 05 AUGUST AND THAT TROOPS NOW CONSOLIDATING PRIOR CONTINUANCE DELIBERATE MOVE NORTH. BISALL PLEASED WITH PROGRESS OPERATION AND SEEMS FEEL ALL GOING ACCORDING PLAN.

B. NIGERIAN NATIONAL SHIPPING LINES MV ORANYAN (SEE PAR 8

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USDAO LAGOS SECRET MSG 0312 JULY 671 REPORTED READY SAIL EVENING 07/08 AUGUST AND DUE BACK LAGOS APPROX FIVE DAYS. REPORTED DESTINATION BONNY WITH CARGO APPROX FIVE HUNDRED TROOPS, MEDICAL STORES, SOME VEHICLES, AMMUNITION AND CATTLE ON THE HOOF. FRIGATE NNS NIGERIA, SDB NNS ENUGU, AND LCT NNS LOKOJA WHICH ARRIVED LAGOS FROM BONNY NITE 05 AUGUST STILL AT NAVY YARD APAPA THIS AFTERNOON. IT WOULD BE EXPECTED, HOWEVER, SOME OF THESE WILL ESCORT ORANYAN. PARTICULAR INTEREST WILL BE PAID LOKOJA. IT WOULD SEEM, HOWEVER, IF LOKOJA TO BE USED CONNECTION ADDED FIVE HUNDRED TROOPS, SHE WOULD HAVE SAILED PRIOR THIS TIME BECAUSE HER SPEED RELATIVELY SLOW.  
C. EASTERN TROOPS AT HARCOURT ARE EASTERN EIGHTH BN MINUS COMPANY D WHICH CHEWED UP AT BONNY. EIGHTH REINFORCED, HOWEVER, BY APPROX FIVE HUNDRED TROOPS LATE LAST WEEK. ALTHOUGH SOME SOURCES INDICATE REINFORCING TROOPS CAME FROM ENUGU AREA, SOME FMG FIGURES BELIEVE REINFORCEMENTS ALSO CAME FROM EASTERN TWELFTH BN YENAGOA. IF THIS SO, TWELFTH BOUND TO BE WEAK IN ABILITY DEFEND RIVERS AREA AS IT ALSO HAS DETACHMENTS AT DEGEMA AND BRASS ALTHOUGH FMG INTELL SOURCES

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BELIEVE THESE DETACHEMENTS (AS AT BONNY) HAVE LARGE PERCENTAGE NIGERIA POLICE AS DEFENDERS.

2. WHILE ALL EYES ARE BONNY/OKRIKA/HARCOURT, FMG INTELL SOURCES APPEAR AWARE OF FACT EASTERN GARRISON AT CALABAR NOT NEAR AS STRONG AS IT ONCE WAS AT APPROX BATTALION REINFORCED. PRESENTLY, TOTAL GARRISON AT CALABAR PROPER REPORTED BY KNOWLEDGEABLE EXPAT OBSERVERS AT NO MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED OF WHICH ONLY APPROX ONE HUNDRED SEASONED TROOPS AND BALANCE OBVIOUSLY GREEN RECRUITS IN ADDITION, APPROX ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NAVAL RATINGS FROM NAVAL BASE NNS ANANSA, CALABAR, ON HAND TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEFENSE. SOME OF THESE, HOWEVER, ALSO APPEAR GREEN. THIS EASTERN NINTH BN CALABAR, HOWEVER, HAS BIG DEFENSIVE CHORE. FOR IN ADDITION CALABAR MISSION, IT HAS DETACHMENT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED MEN AT ORON, (ACROSS CHANNEL TO WEST FROM CALABAR) AND COMPANY AT UYO BOTH OF WHICH REPORTEDLY BEING BADLY HARRASSED BY NON-IRO POPULATION IN AREA. AT HARcourt, ALSO, NON-IBO POPULATION, REPORTED BY EXPAT OBSERVERS STRONGLY PRO-FMG, CAUSING CONCERN FOR IBO TROOPS AND POLICE. THESE EXPATS REPORT THAT ON 28 JULY FRANCIS IBIAM AND IKOYI OLIKPO VISITED CALABAR ON BEHALF OJUKWU AND HELD MEETING WITH "PUPPET" PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

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MR. NSAU FORMER PROFESSOR NSUKKA. FOLLOWING THIS MEETING THERE WAS MEETING LEADERS OF THOUGHT IBO COMMUNITY CALABAR. AS RESULT, APPROX 1200 IBO WOMAN AND CHILDREN LEFT CALABAR AREA FOR CENTRAL EASTERN STATE.

3. OVER RECENT WEEKS THERE HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT EXTENSIVE REALIGNMENT FORCES ON BOTH SIDES. DATT NOW HOLDS COMMITTED FMG FORCES AS FOLLOWS:

A. FIRST AREA COMMAND-NORTH:  
MAIN HEADQUARTERS (MAKURDI): COMMANDER (COLONEL MUHAMMED SHUWA)  
REAR HEADQUARTERS (KADUNA): COMMANDER LTC GABRIEL OMANANYI  
B. FIRST SECTOR (NSUKKA ENCLAVE):  
HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH BRIGADE OTURKPO: COMMANDER LTC ISULE APOLO. SUBORDINATE BATTALIONS FOURTH, TWENTY ONE, TWENTY

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TWO. IN SUPPORT ARE SECOND RECCE SQUADRON, BULK FIRST AND SECOND FIELD BATTERIES, ENGINEER AND OTHER SUPPORT DETACHMENTS.  
C. SECOND SECTOR (OGOJA PROVINCE):  
SECTOR HEADQUARTERS OGOJA; COMMANDER LTC MARTIN ADAMU.  
SUBORDINATE BATTALIONS SECOND, TWENTY THREE, EITHER NINETEEN OR TWENTY FIVE. IN SUPPORT ARE ELEMENTS SECOND FIELD BATTERY AND ENGINEER AND OTHER SUPPORT DETACHMENTS.

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D. THIRD SECTOR (OBOLU EKE SOUTH TO NKGALAGU):  
SECTOR HEADQUARTERS OBOLU EKE. COMMANDER LTC EMMANUEL SOTOMI.  
SUBORDINATE BATTALIONS THIRD, FIFTH, TWENTY, TWENTY FOUR, AND NINETEEN OR TWENTY FIVE. IN SUPPORT ELEMENTS FIRST FIELD BATTERY AND ENGINEER AND OTHER SUPPORT DETACHMENTS.

E. LOKOJA/IDAH LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS:  
ASSIGNED DUTY HERE ARE FIRST RECCE SQUADRON AND NIGERIAN AIR FORCE SECURITY DETACHMENT AT IDAH.

F. BONNY SECTOR:  
HEADQUARTERS BONNY TOWN. COMMANDER LTC BEN ADEKUNLE. SUBORDINATE BATTALIONS SIXTH AND SEVENTH (WITH PROBABLE ADDED REINFORCEMENTS APPROX FIVE HUNDRED REFERRED TO ABOVE). IN SUPPORT NIGERIAN NAVAL ELEMENTS AS ON STATION.

4. KNOWN EASTERN MAJOR JOB CHANGES ARE:  
A. FIFTY FIRST BRIGADE NOW HAS HEADQUARTERS NKGALAGU. THIS REFLECTS EASTERN CONCERN FOR AND REACTION TO BUILDUP AND DEVELOPMENT THIRD FMG SECTOR AS REPORTED ABOVE.  
B. FIFTY THIRD BRIGADE NOW HEADQUARTERS ABAKALIKI. FIFTY THIRD FORMERLY HAD AREA RESPONSIBILITY NSUKKA FRONT. SIGNIFICANT, THEREFORE, FIFTY THIRD NOT ONLY REMOVED NSUKKA BUT SENT LEAST ACTIVE AREA. THIS COULD VERY WELL INDICATE REQUIREMENT FOR

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REBUILDING OR RESTAFFING BRIGADE AFTER TELLING NSUKKA CAMPAIGN.  
NOTE ALSO THAT LACK ASSIGNMENT ANY BRIGADE HQ NSUKKA FRONT STRONG INDICATOR EASTERN ACTION THIS FRONT NOW ONLY GUERRILLA LIKE AND SPORADIC WITH BRIGADES AND SUBORDINATE BNS NOW LOCATED WELL TO SOUTH ALONG ROAD ENUGU TO ABAKALIKI AND EAST.

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C. FIFTY SECOND BRIGADE BELIEVED LOCATED UYO WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENSE SOUTHERN AREAS COR STATES. NOTE ALSO THIS BRIGADE HQ ALSO LOCATED WELL BACK FROM YENAGOA/HARCOURT AREAS OF RIVERS STATE AND WELL TO EAST.

5. WHILE FMG FORCE APPEAR REGROUPING FOR FURTHER ACTION AFTER GRUELLING ACTION AROUND OBOLO EKE LAST WEEK, OGOJA FRONT REMAINS VERY QUIET. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WHILE EASTERN WITHDRAWALS HAVE LEFT FMG WITH LITTLE OR NO SIGNIFICANT OPPPOSITION IN NORTH OF PROVINCE, FMG ACTUALLY UNABLE TAKE EFFECTIVE ADVANTAGE THIS SITUATION BY VIRTUE OF FACT SOME UNITS THIS SECTOR WERE DIVERTED OBOLO EKE AREA TO INCREASE FMG PRESSURE AT TIME BATTLE RAGED. UNTIL THESE UNITS RETURNED OGOJA SECTOR CONTINUATION FMG ACTION SOUTHERN OGOJA AND IKOM EXPECTED TO BE DELAYED. AS SITUATION DEVELOPING, HOWEVER, IT VERY POSSIBLE THAT IF TARGETS IN HARCOURT AND/OR OKRIKA SEIZED IN REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE FMG RESOURCES FOR SIMULTANEOUS ACTION IN SOUTHERN OGOJA AND CALABAR PROVINCES COULD BE FREED AT SAME TIME. GP-3

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MOBUTU TOLD DCM AND ME THIS MORNING THAT NIGERIANS ARE INSISTING THAT BIAFRA PROBLEM NOT BE INSCRIBED ON OAU HEADS OF STATE AGENDA. IN ORDER FACILITATE NIGERIAN TASK, MOBUTU SAID HEADS TRYING TO PREVENT CONGOLESE MERCENARY PROBLEM ALSO FROM BEING INSCRIBED. HOWEVER, HE SAYS THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM VARIOUS AFRICANS TO DISCUSS MERCENARY QUESTION, EVEN THOUGH HE DOES NOT WISH TO, AND IT MAY BE INSCRIBED. MCBRIDE

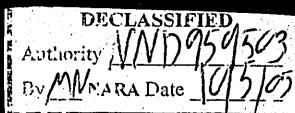
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SUBJECT: EVACUEES (COMMENT ON EASTERN ECONOMY)

1) CURRENT FLOW OF EVACUEES FROM FORMER EASTERN REGION CONSISTS  
LARGELY OF PRINCIPALS WHO HELD "ESSENTIAL" JOBS, AND THUS HAVE  
BEEN LAST TO LEAVE. THUS, THESE MEN HAVE UNUSUALLY GOOD GRASP  
OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN EAST PARTICULARLY AS THEIR JOBS  
AFFECTED. WHILE WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO JUDGE OVERALL EFFECT OF  
BLOCKADE AND WAR ON EASTERN ECONOMY FROM THESE SECOND-HAND

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AND FRAGMENTARY REPORTS, WE BELIEVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE  
SIGNIFICANT.

2) BLOCKADE IS SAID TO BE "TOTAL" WITH EXCEPTION OF SMALL  
EXPORTS PALM OIL FROM PORT HARCOURT AND CALABAR REPORTED

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EMBTELS 10314 AND 2902 SOME IMPORTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, SMALL BUT STEADY TRADE ACROSS RIVER AT ASEXA, AND INTERMITTENT ARRIVALS OF GOODS FROM CAMEROON. AS A RESULT OF BLOCKADE, FLOUR, SALT, AND SUGAR SAID TBDBE IN SHORT SUPPLY. SUPPLY SITUATION PERHAPS INFLUENCED BY HHOARDING ON PART OF TRADERS. PRICES THESE THREE COMMODITIES RISING, AND SOME PRICE RISE NOTED IN PORT HARCOURT OF BASIC FOODSTUFFS CONSUMED BY NIGERIAN POPULATION.

3) COMMENT: EXPORTS EASTERN PRODUCE ALREADY VISRTUALLY ARRESTED SIX WEEKS PRIOR IMPOSITION BLOCKADE, INASMUCH AS FROM MID-APRIL, LARGE PURHCASERS PALM PRODUCE HONORED INIGERIAN PRODUCE MARKETING CO. (NPMC) WARNINGS AGAINST PURCHASE NON-NPMC CONTROLLED PRODUCE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT SEPARATE EASTERN PRODUCE MARKETING CO. TRADE AND SHIPPING SOURCES AWARE ONLY ONE SHIPMENT 2600 TONS PALM OIL PRIOR BLOCKADE (MAY 12 ON MIDGARD) TO WHICH NPMC REPORTEDLY RAISED NO OBJECTION AS SHIPMENT SCHEDULED BY THEM PRIOR FORMATION RIVAL EASTERN COMPANY. SINCE IMPOSITION BLOCKADE,

PAGE 3 RUTALS 1232CC C O N F I D E N T I A L  
ONLY TWO KNOWN SHIPMENTS PALM OIL HAVE BEEN MADE (7000 TONS JUNE 12-17 ON STOLT ORATOR AND 5500 TONS JULY 5 ON PODRAVINA). EVACUEES REPORT STOCKS PALM PRODUCE MOUNTING IN EASTERN PORT STORAGE FACILITIES. EMPTY IMPORT SHEDS USED FOR PALM KERNEL STORAGE. IN ADDITION TO EXISTING PALM OIL STORAGE TANKAGE IN EASTERN PORTS (57,000 TONS, A-785, JUNE 29), MOBIL RENTED OUT THREE POL STORAGE TANKS (11,200 TONS) IN PORT HARCOURT DURING MAY FOR STORAGE PALM OIL, BY END JUNE, ADDITIONAL 9300 TONS POL STORAGE CAPACITY P-H. LEASED FROM AFRICAN PETROLEUM TERMINAL (TEXACO AND BP) FOR PALM OIL STORAGE. TRADE SOURCES DOUBTFUL POL STORAGE TANKS CAN BE LABAQUATELY CLEANED TO PREVENT CONTAMINATION EDIBLE OILS FROM LEAD TRACES.

4) INDUSTRIAL UNEMPLOYMENT RESULTING PRIMARILY FROM SHORTAGE ESSENTIAL RAW MATERIALS HAS BEEN ACCELERATED BY DEPARTURE EXPATRIATE MANAGERS. BANK OF AMERICA REPS FROM PORT HARCOURT ESTIMATE UNEMPLOYMENT AS A RESULT CLOSING SUCH FIRMS AS BEWAC ASSEMBLY PLANT, SHUTDOWN PAINT MANUFACTURERS AND WITHDRAWAL OIL EXPLORATION AND SEVICE COMPANY PERSONNEL AT BETWEEN 1,000-1,500. CLOSURE OF ABA TEXTILES IN ABA SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST WILL RESULT IN

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LAYOFF 1,400 WORKERS. CALABAR VENEER AND PLYWOOD, AND CEMENT

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FACTORY IN CALABAR SHUT DOWN LAST WEEK IN JULY. EFFECT THESE  
LAYOFFS MITIAGATED BY FACT MANY FIRMS APPARENTLY PAYING SUBSTANTIAL  
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OVER SHORT TERM IN ORDER TO RETAIN WORK  
FORCE PRESUMABLY IN EXPECTATION THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REOPEN IN FEW  
MONTHS TIME.

5) MANY EVACUEES SPECIALTE ON TWO SUBJECTS ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE  
VIRUTALLY NO HARD INFORMATION. FIRST, FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABLE  
TO ENUG GOVERNMENT AND SECOND DOMESTIC RECBNUES. FOREIGN  
EXCHANGE RESERVES EASTERN GOVERNMENT HAVE PROBABLY BEEN DRAWN DOWN  
TO NEARLY NOTHING. HOWZORR, MAJOR EXPENDITURES ARE PROBABLY  
LIMITED TO: A) THOSE ARMS WHICH CAN STILL BE IMPORTED THROUGH  
BLOCKADE, E.G., AIRCRAFT, B) FINANCING TRAVEL OF EASTERN  
REPRESENTATIVES IN EUROPE AND AFRICA, AND (C) SALARIES OF THOSE FEW  
MERCENARIES, E.G. PILOTS, EMPLOYED BY EAST. REVE

UE SITUATION  
EQUALLY OBSCURE. REGIONAL REVENUES NORMALLY DERIVED DIRECTLY  
OR THROUGH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOCATIONS FROM DUTIES ON TRADE,  
PRODUCTION CRUDE PETROLEUM, TRANSFERS FROM MARKETING BOARD, PERSONAL  
INCOME TAX AND LICENSING FEES. REVENUE FROM TRADE MUST BE NEARLY  
NULL. EXCISE DUTIES WOULD BE REDUCED BY CLOSURE OF INDUTRIAL PLANTS.  
PETROLEUM ROYALTIES HAVE NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING. SEEMS LIKELY

PAGE 5 RUTALS 1232CCIC O N F I D E N T I A L  
EASTERN MARKETING BOARD HAS UPWARDS OF POUNDS 4 MILLION TIED UP IN  
INVENTORIES OF PALM PRODUCTS WHICH IT UNABLE EXPORT. INCOME  
TAX AND LICENSING FEES PRESUMABLY REDUCED. HOWEVER, CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO CIVIL DEFENSE MAY OFFER SOME ALTERNATIVE SOURCES REVENUE. ALTHOUGH  
DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE HOW MUCH.

6) BANKS AND BUSINESSMEN INFORM US THAT MOST FIRMS FAIRLY  
LIQUID OWING TO FACT THAT BUSINESSES HAVE COLLECTED ACCOUNTS  
RECEIVABLE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE AND HAVE BEEN UNADOE REPLENISH

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INVENTORIES. BANK DEPOSITS APPEAR TO HAVE RISEN, AS HAVE BANKS' OWN DEPOSITS IN CENTRAL BANK ENUGU. APPARENTLY DOES NOT PAY INTEREST ON THESE FUNDS.

71 FOR ENUGU: WOULD WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS ON FOREGOING.  
GP=3. MATHEWS.

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SUBJECT: NIGERIA

1. CO ASST. UNDER SECY NORRIS BRIEFED EMBOFF AUG 4 ON REPORT OF BRITISH HICOMER HUNT WHO ARRIVED LONDON FROM LAGOS AUG 2 TO ATTEND FATHER'S FUNERAL. HUNT EXPECTS TO RETURN LAGOS AUG 7.
2. HUNT'S EXTREMELY OPTIMISTIC READING OF RMG MILITARY PROGRESS

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HAD CAUSED NORRIS TO REVISE SOMEWHAT HIS OWN VIEWS (EMBTEL 775). ACCORDING TO NORRIS, HUNT WAS CONVINCED THAT RMG CAMPAIGN WAS GOING MORE OR LESS ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE. RMG FORCES WERE NOT, IN HUNT'S VIEW, BOGGED DOWN ON NSUKKA FRONT. HE ASSERTED THAT THEIR MISSION WAS TO DRAW OFF BIAFRAN STRENGTH FROM OTHER FRONTS. IN THIS THEY APPEARED TO HAVE SUCCEEDED. EIGHT OR MORE OF OJUKWU'S BATTALIONS WERE CONCENTRATED BEHIND NSUKKA. FURTHERMORE BRITISH UNDERSTOOD THAT NSUKKA FRONT WAS BEING REINFORCED BY BIAFRAN UNITS TAKEN FROM PORT HARcourt AND CALABAR. HUNT CLAIMED UNITS FROM PORT HARCOURT HAD BEEN DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED IN NSUKKA AREA.

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3. HUNT TOLD NORRIS THAT ANOTHER INDICATION FMG CAMPAIGN PROCEEDING ACCORDING PLAN WAS SMOOTHNESS OF BONNY OPERATION. EFFICIENCY OF FMG TAKEOVER HAD BEEN CONFIRMED BY THREE SHELL-BP EXPATS WHO WERE THERE WHEN BONNY FELL. THREE EMPLOYEES WERE ROUGHLY HANDLED BY FMG FORCES (WHO AT FIRST THOUGHT THEY WERE MERCENARIES) BUT WERE FINALLY EVACUATED TO ENGLAND VIA LAGOS.

4. HUNT SAID THAT FMG WAS NOT STALLED ON OGOJA FRONT. (THEY

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HAD IN FACT PROCEEDED AS FAR AS RIVER LAGI AND WERE MOVING TOWARD IKOM. (THUS, IN HUNT'S OPINION, FMG WAS MOVING EFFECTIVELY AT OGOJA AND BONNY FRONTS) WOULD SOON MOUNT OPERATION IN CALABARI AND WAS CONDUCTING EFFECTIVE DIVERSIONARY OPERATION AT NSUKKA. HE EXPECTED FMG FORCES TO HAVE ENTERED ENUGU AND TO HAVE CUT OFF IBOLAND BY END OF OCTOBER.

5. NORRIS COMMENTED THAT IF EVENTS DEVELOPED AS PREDICTED BY HUNT, FMG COULD PROBABLY CHASE OJUKWU INTO BUSH AND NEGOTIATE FORMAL END TO REBELLION WITH MORE PLIABLE IPOB REPS. HE RECOGNIZED HOWEVER THAT REBELLION ITSELF COULD CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME AND THAT MOPPING UP WOULD BE UNTIDY AND PROTRACTED AFFAIR.

6. COMMENT: NORRIS AND OTHER CO REPS WHO TALKED TO HUNT WERE EXTREMELY IMPRESSED BY HIS PRESENTATION. THEY BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE FMG FORCES HAVE SHOWN MORE DISCIPLINE AND BETTER ORGANIZATION THAN EXPECTED BIAFRANS ARE STILL CAPABLE OF PUTTING UP STIFF FIGHT. NORRIS THOUGHT HUNT MIGHT, IN PARTICULAR WISH TO RECONSIDER HIS PREDICTION THAT FMG FORCES

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COULD BE IN ENUGU BY END OF OCTOBER.

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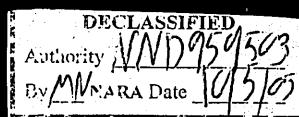
BRUSSELS FOR NATO

1. DUTCH AMBASSADOR ROSENBERG POLAK MORNING AUGUST 4 EXPRESSED TO ME HIS CONCERN ABOUT INCREASING NIGERIAN DEALINGS WITH SOVIET UNION. ROSENBERG POLAK IS CONSERVATIVE, LEVEL HEADED OBSERVER OF NIGERIAN SCENE IN TERMS BEST INTERESTS OF WESTERN POWERS. HIS PERSONAL CONCLUSION IS THAT WESTERN POWERS HAVE MADE SERIOUS ERROR IN JUDGEMENT IN NOT RPT NOT

PAGE 2 RUTAL'S 1196CC S E C R E T  
PROVIDING FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT WITH AT LEAST SOME OF THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT THEY NEED TO SUPPRESS REBELLION IN EASTERN REGION. HE THOUGHT LOOU OOCMHANGE#RESULT OF NIGERIA GETTING HELP FROM RUSSIANS COULD ONLY WEAKEN HERETOFORE ALMOST UNASSAILABLE INFLUENTIAL POSITIONS OF WESTERN POWERS-- CHIEFLY BRITISH, DUTCH AND AMERICANS IN NIGERIA.

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2. DUTCH AMBASSADOR WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE HAGUE THAT IF NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES DESIRE MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED BY NETHERLANDS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING AND RESPONSIVE. PD3. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THIS RECOMMENDATION, ROSENBERG POLAK IS ALSO ADVISING HIS GOVERNMENT THAT DUTCH REPRESENTATIVES AT NATO MEETINGS SHOULD EXPRESS A MORE REALISTIC VIEW IN REGARD TO NIGERIAN DEVELOPMENTS. SPECIFICALLY, HE THOUGHT NATO SHOULD BE "MORE PRACTICAL AND LESS MORAL" IN ANALYZING AND DEALING WITH NIGERIAN SITUATION. HE IS IMPRESSED BY FACT

THAT NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE TOTALLY COMMITTED TO COURSE ON WHICH THEY HAVE EMBARKED AND THAT THEY DETERMINED TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES NECESSARY IN ORDER TO SUCCEED. SINCE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS

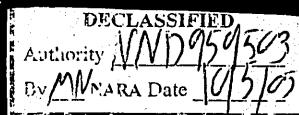
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MUCH MORE IN WAY OF MANPOWER AND RESOURCES THAN EAST, WHICH IS NOW EFFECTIVELY BLOCKADED, HE FELT IT WOULD NOT BE WISE TO BET ON SUCCESS OF "BIAFRA".

4. IN THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY WISHES POINT OUT AGAIN SUBSTANCE LAST PARA LAGOS 1091 WHICH REPORTED VIEWS OF ADU, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT IN LONDON. ADU, A GHANIAN, MADE STRONG CASE FOR GIVING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUFFICIENT MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO BRING EASTERN REBELLION TO END QUICKLY IN BEST INTERESTS OF ALL SECTIONS OF NIGERIA. DUTCH AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING USED SAME ARGUMENT TO JUSTIFY POSSIBLE DUTCH MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO FMG.  
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SUBJ UPPER VOLTA SUPPORT FOR FMG

1. FEDERAL INFORMATION MINISTRY YESTERDAY ISSUED PRESS RELEASE ON  
UPPER VOLTA SUPPORT FOR FMG POLICY WHICH FRONT-PAGED LAGOS PAPERS  
TODAY. THIS ADDS ANOTHER COUNTRY TO THOSE WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED  
VIEWS ON SUPPORTING FMG (LAGOS A-019).

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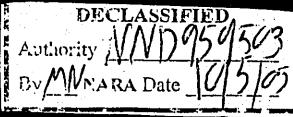
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2. IN PERSONAL LETTER TO GOWON, UPPER VOLTA PRESIDENT LAMIZANA SAID FMG COULD COUNT ON IGV SUPPORT, STATING "MY COUNTRY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT GIVE COOPERATION WHENEVER THIS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, QUICK RETURN OF PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE IN NIGERIA AND CONSOLIDATION OF AFRICAN UNITY DEAR TO ALL." RELEASE FURTHER QUOTES LAMIZANA AS SAYING THAT "ONE OF GOVERNMENT'S CONSTANT POLICIES CONTINUES TO BE NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES, SCRUPULOUS RESPECT FOR ALL SIGNED CONTRACTS AND FIDELITY OF ITS FRIENDS."
3. IN INDIRECT QUOTATION, RELEASE SAYS LAMIZANA DEPLORED SAD EVENTS IN NIGERIA AND OBSERVED HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NEVER ACT AGAINST LEGALLY CONSTITUTED NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT OR HELP REBELLION AND ILLEGALITY. RELEASE ENDS WITH ASSURANCES THAT IGV "WOULD NOT DEVIATE FROM POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN ANY POSSIBLE WAY IN THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FMG AND EASTERN STATE'S AUTHORITIES, NOR WILL IT RECOGNIZE THE SO-CALLED 'REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA'."
4. LAGOS RADIO ADDED INIGERIAN GOOD WILL MISSION TO FRENCH-SPEAKING WEST AFRICA DUE IN UPPER VOLTA "SHORTLY".  
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1. FMG ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 3 RELEASE FROM PRISON OF ISAAC

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BORO, NOTTINGHAM DICK AND TIMIRE OWENARU. THEY HAD BEEN  
CONVICTED IN JUNE 1966 FOR TREASON BECAUSE THEY HAD LED  
REBELLION IN YENAGOA AREA OF RIVERS STATE AGAINST FEDERAL  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT THEN HEADED BY MAJOR GENERAL IRONSI. ORIGINALLY  
DEATH SENTENCES WERE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN  
MAY 1967 AND UNEXPIRED PORTIONS OF LIFE SENTENCES NOW  
REMITTED ENTIRELY, ACCORDING YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. BORO AND COMPANIONS SET UP "NIGER DELTA PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC"  
AT YENEGOA IN FEBRUARY 1966 WITH ONE-HUNDRED MAN "UNIFORMED"

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ARMY. BEFORE POLICE CRUSHED REBELLION, BORO BLEW UP YENAGOA BRIDGE AND DESTROYED 100 FEET OF OIL PIPELINES THROUGH DELTA AREA SWAMPS.

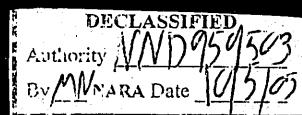
3. AFTER SUPREME COURT DISMISSED HIS APPEAL IN DECEMBER 1966, LOCAL PEOPLE STARTED CAMPAIGN TO MAKE BORO FOLK HERO OF RIVERS AREA. LTD. COMMANDER DIETGASPIFFE, GOVERNOR OF RIVERS STATE YESTERDAY SENT MESSAGE TO GOWON EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR RELEASE OF "THIS PROMISING SON OF RIVERS STATE" WHO WILL NOW BE FREE TO "CONTRIBUTE HIS QUOTA TO PRESERVE

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INTEGRITY OF OUR BELOVED COUNTRY." PRESS TODAY PLAYS UP STATEMENT BY FATHER OF BORO THAT HIS SON WILL JOIN FEDERAL FORCES TO LIBERATE YENAGOA AREA.

4. COMMENT. FMG EVIDENTLY BELIEVES BORO AND COMPANY CAN CONTRIBUTE PSYCHOLOGICALLY AS WELL AS PHYSICALLY TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST IBOS IN THE EXBAEASTERN REGION. HE MAY BE OF SOME HELP IN SHORT RUN BUT HIS ERRATIC BEHAVIOR COULD CAUSE FMG LONG-RANGE PROBLEMS. MATHEWS

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1. NIGERIAN MINISTER PUBLIC WORKS OKUNU DEPARTED ABIDJAN AUGUST 2, AFTER CONFERRING WITH HOUPHOUET. DEPARTURE STATEMENT TO PRESS: QUOTE - GREATEST SATISFACTION OUR MISSION HAS OBTAINED IS TO KNOW IVORY COAST RECOGNIZES ONLY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

PAGE 2 RUDKJA 269 UNCLAS  
REPUBLIC NIGERIA WHICH WE REPRESENT GM NIGHT WE CARRY ON AGAINST "BIAFRA" IS NOT STRUGGLE DIRECTED AGAINST IBOS, AS OUR ENEMIES TAKE PLEASURE IN PROCLAIMING. WE SIMPLY WISH PRESERVE OUR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND ISAME OUR UNION, FOR WHICH CAPTURE OF OJUKWU AND HIS STAFF IS NECESSARY. END QUOTE.

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QUOTED BELOW IS A STATEMENT ISSUED IN ENUGU BY SHELL-BP TO  
REFUTE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY BIAFRA NEWS MEDIA OF SHELL-BP COM-  
PLICITY IN THE FMG TROOP LANDING AT BONNY. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE  
SHELL STATEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN USED PUBLICLY EITHER BY THE  
BIAFRAN SUN OR RADIO BIAFRA.

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1. "SHELL-BP HAS DENIED CATEGORICALLY THAT THEY WERE IN ANY

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1. AT SMALL FOLLOW-UP DINNER TO ENABLE ME MEET WOLE SOYINKA (PROTECT), WE DISCUSSED HIS PROPOSAL FOR CEASE-FIRE (REFTEL). WENT OVER MUCH SAME GROUND AS REPORTED REFTEL BUT FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS EMERGED.

PAGE 2 RUTALS 05988 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
2. SOYINKA SAID THAT BOTH IBADAN PAPERS (TRIBUNE AND SKETCH) HAD AGREED PUBLISH HIS LETTER IN TOTO IN AUGUST 4 EDITIONS. (COMMENT: I AM SKEPTICAL.)

3. HE HAD SEEN BROTHER IGE (BOLA) WESTERN AGRIC COMMISSIONER, AND DELE, PROMINENT LAWYER BOTH AG ACTIVIST) AND HE DISAPPOINTED

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IN THEIR UNWILLINGNESS SUPPORT HIS ACTION.

4. SOYINKA SEEMED CONVINCED THAT IF HE ABLE INDUCE MID-WESTERN AND WESTERN LEADERS MAKE STATEMENTS DEPLORING PRESENT BLOODSHED AND STATING THEY UNWILLING CONTINUE SUPPORT OF PRESENT POLICE ACTION, THEN FMG WILL BE FORCED ACCEPT CEASE-FIRE. CEASE-FIRE COULD THEN BE USED FOR PERIOD NEGOTIATIONS, PROBABLY IN THIRD COUNTRY. HE SAID ANY NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS AND AGREED THAT PROSPECTS NOT GOOD AT THIS TIME FOR EITHER FMG OR EAST AGREEING TO NEGOTIATE ON THIS BASIS. ALSO AGREED THAT ONLY WESTERN LEADER WHO COULD LEAD WEST ON INDEPENDENT COURSE OF ACTION WAS AWO BUT FELT AWO HAD MADE ERROR IN JUDGEMENT IN GOING TO LAGOS AND THEREBY CIRCUMSCRIBING HIS FREEDOM OF ACTION.

PAGE 3 RUTALS 059BB C O N F I D E N T I A L  
5. WHILE SOYINKA KNEW OF NO ORGANIZED GROUPS (YOUTH, LABOR, CHURCH, ETC.), WHO COULD OR WOULD EFFECTIVELY SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS, HE FELT MANY INDIVIDUALS IN WEST WOULD AGREE WITH HIM (WHICH PROBABLY TRUE). SAID HE HAD HEARD THERE WERE A FEW PEOPLE IN IBADAN THINKING ALONG SAME LINES. ONLY NAME HE GAVE WAS SAM ALUKO (PROTECT). HE UNAWARE ANY PARALLEL MOVE IN LAGOS (LAGOS 1100). HE FEARS ESCALATION AND SAID HE KNEW RUSSIANS HAD AGREED SUPPLY FMG JETS.

6. AT ONE POINT, SOYINKA ASKED ME WHETHER USG COULD NOT HELP ENCOURAGE PEACE EFFORTS. I SAID THAT WHILE I SYMPATHIZED WITH ANY EFFORT BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL SOLUTION, USG COULD NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN INTERNAL NIGERIAN PROBLEM WHICH ESSENTIALLY FOR NIGERIANS THEMSELVES TO RESOLVE. I DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT I HAD BROUGHT HIS PLA TO ATTENTION OF EMBASSY AND DEPT. I ASKED IF HE HAD CONSIDERED APPROACHING OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS AND IT WAS CLEAR HE HAD NOT THOUGH HE FELT SOME MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

7. HE IS STILL PLANNING TO LEAVE FOR EAST ON AUG 4, AND I SAID

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THAT IF HE SHOULD CALL ON CONSUL BARNARD IN ENUGU  
(EITHER 5TH OR 6TH), PRESUMED CONSUL WOULD BE WILLING TALK TO  
HIM BUT HE, TOO, WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO INVOLVE USG.

8o. COMMENT: SOYINKA IS ARTICULATE YOUNG MAN WITH DEEP  
CONVICTIONS BUT HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE THOUGHT THROUGH  
PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF HIS PROPOSAL.

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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE KADUNA 130

1. NEW NIGERIAN (KADUNA) EDITORIAL AUGUST 3 ENTITLED "THE EVER OPEN DOOR TO PEACE" REGRETS DEATH REBEL MAJOR NZEOGWU WHICH IT SAYS "POIGNANTLY ILLUSTRATES THE TRAGEDY OF THE REBELLION. HE NEED NOT HAVE DIED."

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2. EDITORIAL SAYS OJUKWU STANDS BETWEEN PEACE AND CONTINUED MILITARY CONFRONTATION SEEMINGLY WISHING "TO FIGHT TO THE END - HI END." EVIDENCE SHOWS OJUKWU MISCALCULATED AND HIS STRENGTH NOT AS GREAT AS HE THOUGHT. BUT HIS PROPAGANDA PERSUDED HIS SUPPORTERS "ESPECIALLY AMONG THE IBOS."

3. TWO COURSES NOW OPEN TO IBOS: EITHER TO WAIT FOR OJUKWU TO MAKE PEACE MOVE WHICH HE WILL NOT DO, OR TO REJECT HIM AND SAVE THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.

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4. EDITORIAL POINTS OUT FMG REFERS TO REBELS NOT ENEMIES AND DOES NOT WANT TO KILL ANY NIGERIANS UNNECESSARILY. TREATMENT GIVEN MAJOR INZEOWGU (I.E. DECENT BURIAL IN HOME TOWN OF KADUNA AND TRIBUTE TO HIM AS SOLDIER) CONFIRMS FMG DOES NOT REGARD REBELS AS ENEMIES. THEREFORE REBEL SOLDIERS SHOULD RETURN TO FEDERAL FOLD WITH ASSURANCE ANY SUCH MOVE WILL NOT GO UNHEEDED BY FMG.

5. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES "THE DOOR IS NOT CLOSED.

PAGE 3 RUTALS 130KK C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMITED OFFICIAL USE OPEN FOR NEGOTIATION IT IS, AND OPEN IT WILL ALWAYS REMAIN. WHY ••• FOR THE SAKE OF THEMSELVES AND THE COUNTRY THAT BELONGS TO ALL OF US, CAN THEY NOT RETURN THROUGH THIS DOOR TO A PEACEFUL COUNTRY AGAIN."

6. COMMENT: NEW NIGERIAN VIEW IS THAT OF SOPHISTICATED AND DETRIBALIZED PROGRESSIVE, HYDITOR ADAMU CIROMA. HIS VIEW THAT THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO PEACE BETWEEN EAST AND FMG IS SHARED BY MANY NORTHERNERS, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE SMALL COLLECTION OF MODERN FORWARD-LOOKING ELEMENTS, SOME OF WHOM NOW OCCUPY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN NORTH. FOR THEM, PRESENT POLICE ACTION AGAINST REBELS IS ONLY PASSING PHASE AND THEIR EYES ARE ALREADY TURNING TO FUTURE POSSIBILITIES FOR NEW MODUS VIVENDI WITH IBOS. IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT LARGER MASS OF NORTHERN CONSERVATIVES ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH PUTTING DOWN REBELLION BY FORCE OF ARMS. AMONG THESE PEOPLE, LONG-STANDING ANTI-PATHY FOR IBOS IS STILL PRESENT AND INOBLE TREATMENT OF IBO LEADERS SUCH AS MAJOR INZEOWGU WILL NOT

PAGE 4 RUTALS 130KK C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BE WELL RECEIVED (KADUNA 124), ESPECIALLY AMONG CONSERVATIVE FAR-NORTHERNERS. THE IGNORANT MASSES ARE NOT LIKELY TO COMPREHEND THE FMG'S SUBTLE EFFORT TO INFLUENCE

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REBEL OFFICERS AND OTHER IBOS BY ACCORDING SPECIAL  
TREATMENT TO THE REMAINS OF MAJOR NZEOGWU. MOST  
FAR-NORTHERNERS (AND MANY OTHERS) HATED NZEOGWU AS  
MURDER OF NORTH'S LEADERS AS MUCH AS THEY HATE OJUKWU  
FOR HIS INTRANSIGENT MOVES THAT LED TO SECESSION AND  
CONFLICT.  
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SUBJECT: SIERRA LEONE SUPPORT FOR FMG

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1. FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INFORMATION ISSUED PRESS RELEASE LATE AUGUST 1 ON FMG SPECIAL MISSION TO SIERRA LEONE, WHICH LATER CARRIED ON NIGERIAN DOMESTIC RADIO. FRONT-PAGE STORY APPEARED AUG. 3 MORNING POST. RELEASE QUOTED BRIGADIER JUXTON-SMITH AS HAVING GIVEN ASSURANCES TO FMG GOOD WILL MISSION HEADED BY DR. ARIKPO, THAT SO FAR AS GOSL CONCERNED "THE REBEL REGIME OF OJUKWU DOES NOT

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EXIST." THE STATEMENT SAYS JUXTON-SMITH "APPRECIATED"  
GOWON'S EFFORTS "TO PRESERVE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF  
NIGERIA."

2. ARIKIO REPORTEDLY BRIEFED JUXTON-SMITH IN CURRENT  
EVAXTUS OF NIGERIAN "POLICE ACTION" IN EAST. HE DENIED  
THAT FMG WAS "WAGING A FULL-SCALE WAR," SAYING  
FEDERAL TROOPS UNDER STRONG ORDERS ONLY SHOOT THOSE  
WHO ATTEMPT STOP THEM CARRYING OUT ORDERS OF FMG.  
IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, ARIKIO SAID THAT ABURI  
DECISIONS WERE IMPLEMENTED BUT THAT OJUKWU FOLLOWED  
WITH NEW EXCESSIVE DEMANDS AIMED AT "BALKNAISING THE  
FEDERATION." MATHEWS

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Subject: NIGERIA: Gowon Gaining Against Defiant Ojukwu

The recent military achievements of Nigeria's Federal Military Government have strengthened its position vis-a-vis breakaway Biafra, but prospects for a settlement have not yet emerged.

Military Successes. During the first four weeks of hostilities against Biafra, the Federal forces of General Yakubu Gowon have made moderate but significant inroads into Biafran territory. They now have three important toeholds there. Nsukka, 10 miles from the border and 35 miles from Enugu, was the hardest to take and continues to involve the heaviest fighting. At Ogoja, near Biafra's northeast border, local minority tribes welcomed Federal troops and have since accepted an administrator appointed by Lagos. The Nigerian navy on July 25 landed strong forces at Bonny, at the mouth of the Niger River. From there they block all ocean traffic to Biafra's principal port 40 miles up-river, Port Harcourt. Lagos, hopeful of more support from Biafra's non-Ibo minorities, is now planning further landings in southern Biafra and a move on Port Harcourt.

Federal Image Brightens. The exaggerated and conflicting announcements made in Lagos about the course of operations, particularly at first, compared unfavorably with Enugu's more accurate accounts describing initial Biafran successes. This early credibility advantage tended to give weight

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to previous confident predictions by Biafran leader C.O. Ojukwu that once the conflict began, his forces would quickly carry it beyond Biafra's borders. In time, however, it became clear that Gowon's forces were managing (for the moment at least) to cope with the considerable logistical problems involved in mounting attacks on several fronts and to keep most of the fighting inside Biafra.

Dividends for Gowon. New respect for Gowon's strength is evident in the West and Mid West states, where there was hanging back before. In his speeches to the irresolute Yoruba people the West's military governor has become more forceful in support of Gowon and against Ojukwu. Gowon has now ventured to commit his mainly Yoruba 3rd Battalion in the campaign for Nsukka. Mid West Governor David Ejor, personally loyal to Gowon, has long insisted that his state must not be used as a base of operations against Biafra because of its pro-Ibo minorities and its exposed position on Biafra's western border. However, Nigerian naval operations are now being staged from Mid West ports.

Not only are other African countries remaining firm in their refusal to recognize Biafra, but Ethiopia now appears to be providing Gowon with the services of a few jet pilots. The USSR appears to have picked Lagos to win. Czechoslovakia, almost certainly with the approval of the USSR (and possibly through Soviet negotiations with Lagos) is selling six jet planes to the Nigerian Government, two of which have already arrived.

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Trouble for Ojukwu. In Biafra a number of top civilian leaders are beginning to question Ojukwu's leadership. They reproach him for having failed to make adequate military preparations for the confrontation with Lagos--a view shared by the Biafran Army Commander, Brigadier Hilary Njoku-- and for failing to inform them more fully on the course of the war. Njoku also resents Ojukwu's interference in military matters, and a split of unknown importance has developed in the top military command.

Conciliation Prospects Dim. Gowon is in no mood for conciliation. He is confident of eventual victory and determined to keep Biafra--broken up into the three states he decreed last May--inside a strong Nigerian federation. His announced aim is to bring Ojukwu and his "clique" to justice. Ojukwu's position is almost as unbending. He continues skillfully to articulate and nourish the conviction of the Ibo majority that its survival depends on achieving Biafran sovereignty, and his popularity among the Ibos remains high. This makes his critics hesitate to seek a showdown. Ojukwu takes comfort in the guerrilla performance of the Biafran army, militia, and citizenry in the Nsukka area thus far, and, counting on logistical difficulties and faltering morale to cripple Gowon's offensive, is preparing Biafran opinion for a long war.

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REF: LAGOS 1129, ENUGU 268, 259  
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1. REFTELS REPORTED THE UNBRIDLED ATTACKS BY BIAFRAN NEWS  
MEDIA ON SHELL-BP, JOHN HOLT AND UNITED AFRICA COMPANY (ALL  
BRITISH FIRMS), ACCUSING THE FIRMS OF AIDING FMG IN THE BONNY  
LANDING AND IN FMG PREPARATIONS TO MOVE FEDERAL TROOPS BY RIVER

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FROM WARRI IN THE MIDWEST TO POINTS IN BIAFRA. ENUGU 268  
REPRTED THE SHELL-BP STATEMENT DENYING THE CHARGES AS COM-  
PLETLY UNFOUNDED.

2. AS A RESULT OF THESE ATTACKS, AND THE CONTINUED DETENTION  
IN ENUGU OF SHELL-BP MANAGING DIRECTOR STANLEY GRAY AND FINAN-  
CIAL MANAGER R.L. HAMILTON, GRAY AND BDHC PARKER HAVE WARNED  
SENIOR OFFICIALS THAT ALL COMMONWEALTH EXPATS WOULD BE ADVISED  
TO LEAVE BIAFRA NO MATTER HOW ESSENTIAL THEIR JOBS MIGHT BE.  
THE OFFICIALS WERE TOLD PRACTICAL EFFECT OF THIS WOULD BE  
AMONG OTHER THINGS TO CUT OFF NATURAL GAS FROM AFAM POWER STA-  
TION AND TO PREVENT REFINERY IN PORT HARCOURT FROM GOING BACK  
ON STREAM WHEN PRESENT SIX WEEK STOCKS OF GASOLINE IN BIAFRA  
ARE EXHAUSTED.

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3. PARKER'S AND GRAY'S WARNINGS PROMPTED CHIEFSEC N.U. AKPAN  
TO CALL A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY AUG 2 OF SENIOR ADVISORS TO  
MILGOV OJUKWU TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF MEDIA WHICH ALL AGREED HAD  
GOTTEN OUT OF CONTROL AND WAS DOING SERIOUS HARM. PRESENT WERE  
CHIEF JUSTICE MBANEFO, C.C. MOJEKWU, PIUS OKIGBO AND VICE  
CHANCELLOR ENI NJOKU. AKPAN SAW PARKER WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND  
TOLD HIM GROUP HAD DECIDED THAT:

A. MEDIA MUST BE PUT UNDER STRICTEST CONTROL AND PERSONS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR MEDIA ATTACKS ON EXPATRIATES SHOULD BE SACKED  
IF MILGOV WILL AGREE.

B. MEMBERS OF GROUP WOULD MAKE INDIVIDUAL APPROACHES TO PARKER,  
TO GRAY, AND TO ME EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN AT TURN OF EVENTS  
AND REASSURING US THAT BIAFRAN GOVT AND PEOPLE NOT RPT NOT HOS-  
TILE TO EXPATRIATES AND HAD NO DESIRE PERMIT SITUATION DEVELOP  
WHICH WOULD FORCE FURTHER DEPARTURE EXPATRIATES FROM BIAFRA.  
MBANEFO SAID HE WOULD TALK TO GRAY, AKPAN TO PARKER, AND MOJEKWU  
TO ME.

4. AKPAN TOLD PARKER THAT PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANTI-EXPAT  
OUTPUT WERE GODWIN ONYEGBULA, ACTING PERMSEC BIAFRAN MINISTRY

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OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; CYPRIAN EKWXEXZE, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION;  
B. OFFOKAJA, SENIOR NEWS EDITOR, RADIO BIAFRA; AND DR. I.F.  
EAGWUE EKE, A UNIVERSITY TYPE WHO NOW AN OJUKWU SPEECH WRITER.  
AKPAN SAID ONYEGBULA'S INVOLVEMENT STEMS FROM HIS ROLE OF  
"COORDINATOR OF INTELLIGENCE" IN WHICH JOB HE PREPARES INTEL-  
LIGENCE BRIEFS FOR OJUKWU BASED ON HIS ANALYSIS OF RAW INTEL-  
LIGENCE ACQUIRED FROM ARMY, POLICE AND OTHER SOURCES. AKPAN  
SAID ONYEGBULA SUPID AND PERHAPS EVEN UNBALANCED BUT HIS  
INTELLIGENCE FUNCTION GIVEN HIM BECAUSE OF PRESUMED EXPERTISE IN  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MAKES HIM VERY DANGEROUS MAN. MOTIVES OF OTHER  
THREE NOT PRECISELY CLEAR BEYOND FACT THEY KNOWN TO BE ANGLOPHOBES.

5. WHEN PARKER SAW AKPAN, PARKER SAID BEST WAY PREVENT FURTHER  
DEPARTURE EXPATS PARTICULARLY FROM PORT HARCOURT WOULD BE  
REMOVE DETENTION GRAY AND HAMILTON AND PERMIT THEM TO GO PORT  
HARCOURT, TALK TO STAFF REMAINING THERE, AND INSPECT INSTALLA-  
TIONS. PARKER ALSO SAID MEDIA ATTACKS ON EXPATS MUST CEASE AT  
ONCE AND SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE BE PRESENTED TO HIM. THEY WOULD  
NOT OCCUR AGAIN; OTHERWISE HE WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO

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INSIST THAT EVERY COMMONWEALTH EXPAT GO.

6. MOJEKWU SAW ME AT 0800 AUGUST 3. SAID HE WANTED TO DISCUSS  
A. POSITION OF EXPATS IN BIAFRA,  
B. WHY BIAFRA WAS FIGHTING WAR, AND  
C. FUTURE PROSPECTS.

7. WE DISPSED OF EXPAT PROBLEM ALONG SAME LINES AS PARKER DID  
WITH AKPAN. AT PARKER'S REQUEST I EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE  
OF RELEASING GRAY AND HAMILTON FROM DETENTION AND GIVE THEM  
FREEDOM TO LOOK AFTER SHELL-BP AFFAIRS. SAID I UNDERSTOOD FROM  
GRAY HE FELT HE SHOULD SPENT MOST TIME IN ENUGU TO MAINTAIN  
CONTACT WITH GOVT BUT THAT FORCIBLE DETENTION TO ENSURE HIS  
PRESENCE HERE WAS PRODUCING AS GRAVE A CONCERN IN WASHINGTON  
AS I AM SURE IT WAS IN LONDON. WE DISCUSSED CHARGES MADE  
AGAINST SHELL-BP, JOHN HOLT AND UAC BASED ON COMMUNICATIONS  
RADIO INTERCEPTS ANALYZED BY AMATEURS WITH LITTLE OR NO EX-

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PERIENCE IN POLITICAL OR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE. TOLD HIM BAD INTELLIGENCE CAN BE WORSE THAN NONE AT ALL WHICH CLEARLY PROVED BY RECENT EVENTS. MOJEKWU LISTENED CAREFULLY WITHOUT

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SAYING OTHER THAN IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SOME HEADS ROLL  
BEFORE THIS MATTER CAN BE CORRECTED."

8. TO HIS QUESTION OF WHY IS BIAFRA FIGHTING W/R, MOJEKWU  
REPEATED FAMILIAR IBO LINE THAT BIAFRANS FIGHTING FOR SURVIVAL  
AND HAVE NEVER BEEN OFFERED ANY OTHER CHOICE THAN ACCEPTANCE  
OF STRONG FEDERAL SYSTEM UNDER CONTROL OF THOSE WHO DETERMINED  
ISOLATE IBOS AND DOMINATE THEM POLITICALLY. SAID UNTIL POLITI-

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CAL REALITIES ARE ACCEPTED BY GOWON AND NORTH, BIAFRANS WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CARRY ON FIGHT.

9. I SAID THIS RAISED QUESTION OF FUTURE AND THAT IT BECOMING DAILY MORE APPARENT THAT CONTINUATION OF CIVIL WAR COULD WELL BRING ABOUT DISINTEGRATION ALL PARTS OF WHAT WAS ONCE NIGERIA, WITH SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR BLACK AFRICA. SAID IT SEEMED IMPERATIVE TO OBTAIN CEASE FIRE AND START TALKS AGAIN. ASKED MOJEKWU HOW THIS COULD BE DONE.

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10. MOJEKWU AGREED THAT CONTINUATION OF CIVIL WAR COULD DESTROY EVERYTHING BUT ASKED HOW COULD CEASE FIRE BE OBTAINED. HE SAID ONLY BRITAIN AND AMERICA HAVE ENOUGH INFLUENCE TO STOP FIGHTING BUT AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN ALOOF ON GROUNDS CRISIS PURELY INTERNAL NIGERIAN MATTER THERE LITTLE PROSPECT FOR PEACE. HE SAID IT NOT RPT NOT NECESSARY FOR US AND UK TO INTERVENE WITH TROOPS OR EVEN BY DIRECT DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION. SAID EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT COULD BE MADE THROUGH AFRICAN COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS WHO WOULD BE WILLING DO SOMETHING IF THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD SUPPORT OF BRITAIN AND AMERICA. SAID HOWEVER THERE NO POINT IN TALKING ABOUT RETURN TO OLD FEDERATION; BASIS OF TALKS FOLLOWING CEASE FIRE MUST ALLOW FOR EVENTS OF PAST YEAR AND DEPTH OF FEELING AMONG BIAFRANS. SAID BIAFRANS WOULD LIKE TO SEE WAR OVER BECAUSE THEY WELL AWARE OF ITS EFFECTS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUT THAT PEACE ONLY POSSIBLE UNDER REALISTIC POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. SAID DOOR WAS STILL OPEN FOR COOPERATION WITH OTHER PARTS OF NIGERIA AND THAT IDEA OF NIGERIAN COMMONWEALTH STILL REGARDED AS OFFERING BEST HOPE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS FOR POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

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1. CHIEFSEC N.U. AKPAN CONFIRMED TO BDHC PARKER WEDNESDAY AUG 2 THAT MAJOR CHUKWUMA NZEOGWU AND TOME BIGGER, OJUKWU'S HALF BROTHER, KILLED RECENTLY AT NSUKKA FRONT. ACCORDING TO PARKER AKPAN SAID OJUKWU QUITE UPSET OVER BIGGER DEATH AND UNTIL HE RECOVERS FROM THIS BLOW ANY BIAFRAN WHO SUGGESTED CEASE FIRE TO OJUKWU WOULD BE REGARDED AS TRAITOR  
2. LAST POINT MADE BY AKPAN IN RESPONSE TO PARKER'S QUESTION 'WHAT MIGHT BE DONE BRING

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AN END TO NIGERIAN CIVIL WAR. (FOR OTHER DETAILS PARKER'S CONVERSATION WITH AKPAN AND MINE WITH C.C. MOJEKWU SEE ENUGU REFTEL.)

2. AKPAN ALSO TOLD PARKER THAT FRICTION BETWEEN MILGOV OJUKWU AND BRIGADIER HILARY NJOKU (MENTIONED IN RECENT ANE REPORT) HAS BEEN RESOLVED WITH NJOKU GETTING INCREASED TACTICAL CONTROL OF ARMY AS HE HAD DEMANDED.  
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1. MILITARY. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS FROM COMBAT AREAS.  
B-26 AND AT LEAST ONE UNMARKED DC-3 WERE OBSERVED SHORTLY AFTER  
TAKEOFF FROM ENUGU AIRPORT THIS AFTERNOON.

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2c ANTI-BRITISH FEELING  
PRESS MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST SHELL-BP  
UAC AFD JOHN HOLT CONTINUES BUT AT MUCH REDUCED LEVEL.  
WIDE PUBLICITY ALSO BEING GIVEN TO FIRM'S DENIALS OF  
INVOLVEMENT. WE KNOW OF NO DEMONSTRATIONS AT ENUGU AND ABA  
WARMOM REPORTS NONE HAVE OCCURRED THERE!  
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S E C R E T 0319 AUG 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA.  
SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR  
DIACO. CINCSSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACSI.

1. ON 03 AUG LTC OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, COMMANDER SECOND AREA  
COMMAND, HQ IBADAN, ON MIL VISIT LAGOS FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH  
GOWON, DISCUSSED CURRENT MIL SITUATION WITH DATT. AMONG MOST  
SIGNIFICANT POINTS MADE BY HIM WERE:  
A. AS YORUBA HE WHOLEHEARTEDLY BEHIND FULL AND UNQUALIFIED  
PARTICIPATION YORUBA OFFICER, MEN AND UNITS IN ALL ASPECTS  
CURRENT FMG CAMPAIGN IN EAST. HE SAID QUOTE THINGS MAY HAVE

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BEEN DIFFERENT IN IBADAN BEFORE I GOT THERE (OBVIOUS REFERENCE  
TO PERIOD COLONEL O. OLUTOYE AREA COMMANDER AND APPEARED BUCK  
GOWON'S POLICIES) BUT THEY BEING DONE MY WAY NOW MY POSITION  
VERY SIMPLE: THERE ONE FEDERAL ARMY AND ANY ONE IN IT, YORUBA,  
NORTHERN OR OTHERWISE IS SUBJECT ANY ASSIGNMENT FEDERAL ARMY  
GIVES HIM. THOSE WHO DO NOT FEEL THAT WAY FOR ANY REASON CAN  
GET THE HELL OUT AND I HAVE PUT IT TO THEM JUST THAT FASHION.

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SURPRISINGLY, I HAVE HAD VERY FEW TAKERS UNQUOTE. SOURCE THEN REPEATED CURRENT YORUBA OFFICER LINE WHICH DATT HAS HEARD FROM SEVERAL KEY YORUBA OFFICERS OF LATE: HE SAID QUOTE WHERE DO YOU IMAGINE WE YORUBAS WILL BE, AS FAR AS HAVING VOICE IN FUTURE FEDERAL ARMY, IF WE DO NOT GO WHOLE HOGAIN THIS WAR NOW? WE WILL BE OUT OF IT AS GOWON AND EVERYONE ELSE INVOLVED WOULD NEVER LET US FORGET IT UNQUOTE. OBASANJO SAID THAT HE QUOTE HAD HEARD UNQUOTE THERE POLITICAL FIGURES QUOTE AROUND IBADAN UNQUOTE WHO AGAINST YORUBA PARTICIPATION IN WAR. FOR SOME REASON, HE GRINNED, THEY DO NOT SEEM TO COME TO ME WITH THESE STORIES. (DATT COMMENT: OBASANJO CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS "TOUGH NUT". HE IS ROUGH, READY AND HAS REPUTATION (LIKE ROTIMI OF WHOM HE VERY CLOSE ASSOCIATE) BEING

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STRONG FEDERALIST AND STRONGLY PRO-GOWON. BELIEF IS THAT HE IN IBADAN AS GOWON'S MAN TO WATCH ADEBAYO. HE TOLD DAD MAP OFFICER IN IBADAN IN RECENT PAST THAT GOWON HAD TOLD HIM LEAVE ADEBAYO ALONE AS LONG AS ADEBAYO STAYED COMPLETELY CLEAR OF MILITARY; AS SOON, HOWEVER, AS ADEBAYO INTERFERED IN MIL IN ANY WAY, HE, OBASANJO, WAS TO LET GOWON KNOW AND GOWON WOULD QUOTE MOVE IN ON ADEBAYO UNQUOTE. THERE VERY LITTLE DOUBT IN TALKING TO HIM, THAT OBASANJO CARES LITTLE OR NOTHERING FTY ADEBAYO.

B. SOURCE SAID THAT, IN ADDITION ASSIGNMENT SECOND AREA COMMANDER, HE RETAINED TITLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES CHIEF OF ENGINEERS NIGERIAN ARMY. FOR THIS REASON HE HAD WEEKLY CONSULTATIONS WITH GOWON ON ENGINEER ROLE AND PROBLEMS IN CURRENT CAMPAIGNS. (FOR THIS REASON, HIS VIEWS ON LIKELY CURRENT OPERATIONS SHOULD BE SIGNIFICANT). WHEN QUERIED HIS VIEW NEXT SERIES FMG OPERATIONS HE SAID THAT AT "END LAST WEEK" GOWON DID NOT SEEM OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ATTACK CALABAR FROM SEA. RATHER, GOWON HAD SOURCE REVIEW ALL PROBABLE ENGINEER PROBLEMS IN MOVE ON CALABAR FROM NORTH THROUGH UPPER CALABAR PROVINCE. SOURCE SAID HE BELIEVED GOWON

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WOULD MOVE SLOWLY ON BOTH IKOM AND CALABAR AND THAT HE THEN INTERESTED CONSOLIDATING FMG POSITION IN SUTH EASTERN STATE BEHIND EAST BANK CROSS RIVER. SOURCE ALSO SAID FMG WOULD CONTINUE SLOW PROCESS CLEARING EASTERN DEFENSES IN AREAS SOUTH EAST NSUKKA AND WOULD GRADUALLY OPEN THIRD SECTOR WITH TWIN AXIS OF ADVANCE ALONG ROAD OBOLO-OBOLO-EKE-IKEM-EHA-AMUFU-NKALAGU; AND ALONG RAIL LINE IGUMALE-EHA-AMUFU-THENCE SOUTH WEST TOWARD ENUGU. HE SAID CAMPAIGN ALONG ROAD STARTED WITH PROGRESS AS FAR OBOLO-EKE, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS MAJOR EASTERN DEFENSIVE AREA, BUT THAT EASTERN FORCES STILL HELD ROAD TO SOUTH OBOLO EKE RUNNING FROM EHA-ALUMONA ON ROUTE THREE THROUGH MBU TO IKEM WHERE IT MET NORTHERN ROAD. NO REAL PROGRESS YET MADE ON RAIL LINE APPROACH ALTHOUGH FMG FORCES HAD MADE RAID INTO EHA-AMUFU LAST WEEK TO DESTROY MUCH USED EASTERN RAIL HEAD THIS TOWN. SOURCE SAID HE THOUGH ACTION A HZXUM WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL ADAMU (SECTOR COMMANDER) HAD BRIGADE AVAILABLE AGAIN. HE SAID SOME ADAMU'S UNITS FROM OGUA FRONT HAD BEEN USED IN OPERATIONS AROUND OBOLO EKE TO INSURE THAT BATTLE WHICH HAD DRAGGED ON FINALLY CONCLUDED IN FAVOR FMG FORCES.

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2. ON AFTERNOON 03 AUG, MR. T. OMO BARE, MEMBER SUPREME MIL COUNCIL AND DEPT IG, NIGERIA POLICE, ALSO DISCUSSED CURRENT FMG CAMPAIGN. IN RESPONSE DIRECT QUESTIONS (WHICH POSSIBLE BY DATT THIS SOURCE) SOURCE SAID:  
A. HE DID NOT THINK FMG WOULD MOVE AGAINST CALABAR FROM SEA "JUST NOW", HE SAID GOWON THOUGHT THAT WITH CONTROL BONNY ENTRANCE TO HARCOURT REQUIRING SOME CONTINUING PROTECTIVE NAVAL PRESENCE ADDED TO CURRENT NAVY BLOCKADE PATROL REQUIREMENTS AT MOUTH CROSS RIVER TO CALABAR (THIS FIRST INDICATION BLOCKADE ELEMENTS NOW OPERATING PRIMARILY AT CALABAR AFTER HAVING BEEN FREED BONNY BLOCKADE TASKS. LIMITED NAVY CAPABILITY WOULD BE OVERSTRAINED TO POINT POSSIBLY JEOPARDIZING ENTIRE FMG OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN COR. AREAS IF ADDED REQUIREMENT MOUNTING SIZEABLE OPERATION AGAINST CALABAR LEVIED UPON IT.  
B. SOURCE DID NOT EXPECT SIZEABLE FMG OPERATIONS IN RIVERS STATE. HE DID NOT RULE OUT ROUTES THROUGH RIVERS AREA BEING

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USED, BUT WAS OF IMPRESSION FMG EYES AT PRESENT ON EXPANDING OPERATIONS BONNY/HARCOURT/OKRIKA AREAS TO SEIZE REFINERY AND "OTHER KEY OIL FACILITIES IN AREA". HE SEEMED INDICATE GENERAL LINE FMG REASONING HERE WHEN HE ASKED QUOTE IF WE ACTUALLY

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HOLD ALL SIGNIFICANT OIL INSTALLATIONS, THERE WILL BE NO QUESTION OF WHERE PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE WILL THERE? UNQUOTE. C. WHEN ASKED DIRECTLY WHERE NEXT BIG PUSH WOULD BE SOURCE SAID SIMPLY QUOTE AT ENUGU UNQUOTE. DATT ASKED BASIS THIS REASONING WHICH EVEN CONSIDERED ATTEMPT AT WHAT MOSE CONSIDERED HEARLAND EASTERN FORCES. HE SAID FMG FIGURES STARTING BELIEVE EASTERN RESISTANCE COULD NOT MUCH LONGER BE MAINTAINED CURRENT LEVEL AND THAT WHEN IT CRACKED FMG READY FOR SWIFT EXPLOITATION. PRESSED FOR DETAILS, SOURCE SAID FMG HAD REASON BELIEVE SERIOUS DISCORD EXISTED IN EASTERN COMMAND OVER CONDUCT EASTERN CAMPAIGN AND OVERALL EASTERN STRATEGY AGAINST FMG. SOURCE SAID, SPECIFICALLY, FMG BELIEVED BRIGADIER HILLARY NJOKU NOW FELT OJUKWU HAD SERIOUSLY MISLED EAST AND THAT IT NO LONGER POSSIBLE FOR EAST DEFEAT FMG. SOURCE SAID FMG OF OPINION NJOKU HAD ADVISED EAST QUITTING NOW AND SEEKING BEST POSSIBLE DEAL WITH FMG BEFORE ANYMORE OF EAST CHEWED UP AND BEFORE ANY MORE EASTERNERS KILLED IN BATTLE THEY CAN NOT WIN. SOURCE, IN ANSWER DIRECT QUESTION, SAID HE BELIEVED IT POSSIBLE FOR NJOKU TO DEAL WITH GOWON AND THAT GOWON WOULD DEAL WITH NJOKU. SOURCE POINTED OUT THESE TWO FORMERLY VERY CLOSE FRIENDS.

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S E C R E T 0319 SECTION 2 OF 2. SGD HALLIGAN.  
COUNTRY: NIGERIA SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG  
EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR  
DIACO, CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C, DAI FOR ACSI.  
(DATT COMMENT: ALTHOUGH AT FIRST GLANCE  
THIS LINE ON PART SOURCE "SEEMSZ" WAY OUT, IT MUST BE REMEMBERED  
THAT SOURCE HAS EXCELLENT CONNECTIONS ALL OVER NIGERIA; HE  
SERVED FOR FOURTEEN YEARS IN EASTERN NIGERIAN POLICE POSTS  
AND MUST BE BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTINUING SOURCES INFORMATION  
IN EAST AMONG NIGERIA POLICE PERSONNEL, TO INCLUDE EASTERN  
OFFICERS WITH WHOM HE WAS VERY CLOSE, WHO DEPARTED LAGOS FOR  
EAST OVER SPAN RECENT MONTHS. FURTHER, IT MUST ALSO BE  
REMEMBERED THAT SOURCE IS A POLICE PERSONNEL, AND AS SUCH  
IS NOT A POLITICAL FIGURE, AND AS SUCH IS NOT A POLITICAL FIGURE.

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REMEMBERED NJOKU HAS HAD ONE PRIOR VERY SERIOUS FALLING OUT  
WITH OJUKWU. DATT HAS CONSTANTLY REPORTED SINCE EARLY LAST  
FALL REPORTS OF NIGERIANS AND EXPATS WHO HAVE MAINTAINED THAT  
"IN LONG RUN" NJOKU WILL "UNSEAT OJUKWU". FOR THESE REASONS,  
THIS POSSIBILITY MUST NOT BE DISMISSED OUT OF HAND AS WISHFUL  
THINKING ON PART FMG FIGURE).

3. CANADIAN BORN WIFE NIGERIAN NAVY LT TELEWONIBI ASSIGNED

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PTROL CRAFT NNS OGOJA SAW HER HUSBAND DURING 32 HOUR STAY OGOJA IN LAGOS END JULY 01 AUGUST. BASED ON INFO FROM HUSBAND, SHE TOLD DAO STAFFER IN AFTERNOON 03 JULY THAT OGOJA CAME BACK TO LAGOS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE RETURNING NIGERIAN NAVY OFFICER IDENTIFIED PAR 3A. USDAO SECRET MESSAGE 0250 JUNE 67, AND PAR2A, USDAO SECRET INFORN MSG 0298 JULY 67 FOR HURRY UP CONFERENCE WITH GOWON. SOURCE SAID WORD IS THAT THIS OFFICER RUNNING WHOLE SHOW AT BONNY AND THAT EVERYONE ELSE TAKING ALL ORDERS FROM HIM. SOURCE'S HUSBAND SAID FMG IN PROCESS ESTABLISHING FORWARD BASE BONNY AND THAT OGOJA WAS TO BRING CERTAIN TECHNICIANS REQUIRED BACK

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DOWN TO BONNY. HE ALSO SAID NNS BENIN WOULD SAIL SOON AND THAT SHE WOULD ALSO CARRY CERTAIN TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT TROOPS TO BONNY. GP-3.

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1. FOLLOWING SUMMARY TEXT (FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED) LETTER  
WRITTEN JULY 29 BY WOLE SOYINKA, PROMINENT YORUBA PLAYWRIGHT  
AND NEWLY SELECTED HEAD UNIBADAN DRAMA DEPARTMENT, AND SENT  
ALL NIGERIAN NEWSPAPERS, MILITARY GOVERNORS, AND GOWON.  
SOYINKA ASKS, "WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THREE WEEKS OF SAVAGE  
WARFARE I HAVE PASSED?" ADMITS PRESENT ARMED CONFLICT INEVITABLE  
BUT STATES "THERE ARE TWO WAYS WHICH COUNTRY DECLARES WAR

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ON ITSELF, ONE IS NOT CARING WHAT HAPPENS AFTER, AND OTHER IS WITH  
WATCHFUL EYE ON STABLE FUTURE." HE CHARACTERIZES PRESENT  
CONFLICT AS MOST DISASTROUS, INGLORIOUS CIVIL WAR. "SWIFT  
SURGICAL OPERATION IS BEING CONDUCTED WITH BLUNT UNSTERILE  
SCAPELS." HAVING PROVED MILITARY SUPERIORITY IN TIME FOR GOVT  
DEMONSTRATE SENSE OF FUTURE. SOYINKA ASKS "WHAT HAPPENS

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TO IBO PEOPLE?...IT PROBABLY FUTILE FIGHT AND EAST CAN BE MILITARILY OVERRUN, BUT WHAT CONCERNUS IS THAT IBO AS A PEOPLE WILL NEVER ACCEPT DEFEAT." FEDERAL GOVT FACED WITH CHOICE OF WIPE OUT ENTIRE IBO RACE OR ADMINISTERING NATION WHICH HAS BUILT INTO ITS FLESH CORE OF IMPLACABLE HATE AND UNDYING RESOLUTION. HATE WILL MANIFEST ITSELF IN GUERRILLA AND OTHER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. WILL BE TERRIBLE AND BLOODY, WILL BE FINAL GOOD-BYE TO PEACEFUL EXISTENCE. THEREFORE, GOVT SHOULD CALL HALT NOW AND GIVE IBOS CHANCE RECONSIDER THEIR STAND. CONTINUED CONFLICT CAN ONLY LEAD TO CREATION OF "SLAVE" CLASS WITHIN NATION AND NO SOCIETY IN HISTORY YET SURVIVED TOTAL SUBJUGATION AND HUMILIATION OF PART OF ITSELF. NO VICTORY FOR ANYONE IN PRESENT CONFLICT, ONLY WASTAGE AND SUPERFICIAL CONTROL THAT MUST BLOW COUNTRY FINALLY TO PIECES. MUST END STRIFE BECAUSE CURRENTLY EXPLOITED BY "BRIGADE

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PROFESSIONAL CONGRATULATORS, OPPORTUNIST PATRIOTS AND OTHER SORDID RACKETEERS RIDING HIGH INTO POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE ON WAVE HYSTERIA AND TRIBAL HATRED." TIME TO STOP DISGUSTING EFFORTS GLORIFY THIS WAR OR ANY WAR. PAUSE AT THIS STAGE MAY YET OPEN UP UNSUSPECTED AREAS OF REASONABLENESS AND REALITY; A FIGHT TO FINISH WILL PUNISH ALL, OR NOTHING.

2. IN LONG CONVERSATION AUGUST 1 WITH CONSULATE OFFICER SOYINKA GAVE BACKGROUND ON LETTER. DURING RECENT TRIP TO LONDON, SOYINKA WAS IN CONTACT WITH RONALD SEGAL, PRESUMABLY WELL-KNOWN SOUTH AFRICAN EXPATRIATE PROMINENT SPONSORING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF DISENFRANCISED SOUTH AFRICANS. ACCORDING SOYINKA, SEGAL TOLD HIM NOBEL PEACE PRIZE COMMITTEE BECOMING MORE ACTIVE AND TRYING SPONSOR PEACE EFFORTS RESOLVE EXISTING CONFLICTS. THIS HAS ENCOURAGED SOYINKA MAKE PEACE EFFORTS HERE. SOYINKA LETTER FIRST FEELER FOR PAUSE IN MILITARY OPERATIONS TO ENABLE EAST AND FMG TO GET TOGETHER, PREFERABLY IN NEUTRAL TERRITORY IN ORDER TRY WORK OUT AGREEMENT THAT WOULD END CONFLICT.

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3. SOYINKA HAS SEEN MAJOR (FATHER) MARTINS, (CHAPLAIN) IN NIGERIAN ARMY AND LT. (COL) M. JOHNSON, (MILGOV) LAGOS STATE,

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CONCERNING HIS CURRENT PEACE EFFORTS. MARTINS VERY FAVORABLE, WHILE JOHNSON BELIEVES IBOS MUST BE PUNISHED. SOYINKA VERY DISTURBED BY SUGGESTIONS HE HEARD IN LAGOS THAT IBOS SHOULD BE PUT IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS OR BY SOME OFFICIALS POINTING WITH PRIDE TO "CODE OF CONDUCT" AND BELIEVING NAIVELY (ACCORDING SOYINKA) THAT TROOPS WILL FOLLOW CODE AND NOT CONDUIT REPRISALS AGAINST CIVILIAN POPULATION.

4. SOYINKA SO FAR UNABLE GET ANY NIGERIAN NEWSPAPERS PUBLISH HIS LETTER. HE SEEING EDITORS AGLEANING INIGERIAN TRIBUNE TODAY IN EFFORT TRY PERSUADE THEM THAT IT IN YORUBA BEST INTERESTS PRINT HIS STATEMENT.

5. SOYINKA PLANS LEAVE IBADAN AUGUST 4 FOR TRIP EAST. HE HOPES SEE EJOOR AND OJUKWU IN ATTEMPT PERSUADE THEM DESIRABILITY PAUSE IN POLICE ACTION. SOYINKA NOT OPTIMISTIC ON CHANCES SUCCESS HIS ENDEAVOR, BUT FEELS THAT AS MATTER OF CONSCIOUS MISSION MUST BE UNDERTAKEN. HE BELIEVES WEST SHOULD NOT SUPPORT CURRENT POLICE ACTION. HE CLAIMS OTHER EFFECTIVE ACTION WHICH CAN BE UNDERTAKEN BY WEST TO BRING DISPUTANTS TO CONFERENCE TABLE, BUT HE REFUSES DIVULGE THEM.

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6. COMMENT: NOT CLEAR IF SOYINKA EFFORTS CONNECTED OR SEPARATE FROM THOSE DESCRIBED BY J. O. IJOMA (LAGOS 1100). IBADAN 33 DESCRIBED CONCERN VOICED BY CATHOLIC BISHOP OF IBADAN FINN TO ARCHBISHOP AGGEY THAT CHARGE OF GENOCIDE MIGHT BE RAISED. ARCHBISHOP AGGEY SAID HE WISHED WAIT A WEEK (LAST WEEK).

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1. BASIS INITIAL REPORTS FROM RED CROSS PERSONNEL IN NIGERIA, ICRC GENEVA HAS MADE LIMITED APPEAL TO AMERICAN, DANISH, NORWEGIAN, SWEDISH AND FINNISH RED CROSS SOCIETIES. THESE PARTICULAR SOCIETIES HAD ALREADY INDICATED INTEREST IN PROBLEM.

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NIGERIA AND WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST.

2. EARLY INDICATIONS SUGGEST CONSIDERABLE NEED FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES, ESPECIALLY SURGICAL MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT.

3. ICRC INTENDS LAUNCH BROAD APPEAL WHEN MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF NEEDS AVAILABLE. TUBBY

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SITREP 1730Z AUGUST 2

1. MILITARY. IRISH CATHOLIC MISSIONARY TOLD CONSULATE TODAY  
THAT HE SPENT THREE WEEKS UNDETECTED BEHIND FMG LINES IN  
NSUKKA SECTOR. FATHER MORRIGAN, WHOSE PARISH LOCATED AT  
IBEGWA NKWO (TEN MILES NORTH OF NSUKKA ON ROAD TO ENUGU-EZIKE),  
SAID FMG FORCES DROVE THROUGH VILLAGE ON JULY 10 WITH LITTLE

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RESISTANCE FROM "BIAFRAN" FORCES. ALTHOUGH MAIN FORCE CONTINUED TOWARD NSUKKA, SMALL PARTY REMAINED BEHIND TO SEARCH HOUSES BUT IGNORED TWO-STORY BUILDING IN WHICH FATHER HORRIGAN LIVED. ON JULY 31, LED BY NATIVE GUIDE, HE WALKED ON BUSH PATHS TO "BIAFRAN" LINES AND WAS GIVEN TRANSPORTATION TO ENUGU. DURING THE THREE WEEKS HE SAW CONSTANT ARMOR, ARTILLERY AND TRUCK TRAFFIC AS FMG SHIFTED FORCES FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER. ALSO REPORTED SEEING BODIES OF ABOUT 50 CIVILIANS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS FROM OTHER AREAS.

2. ANTI-BRITISH SENTIMENT. MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST SEVERAL BRITISH FIRMS CONTINUES, BUT UKDHC PARKER HAS BEEN ASSURED

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DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL BY POLICE. 1200Z LOCAL NEWS WARNED PUBLIC NOT RPT NOT "TAKE LAW INTO OWN HANDS" AND STRESSED THAT "BIAFRA" HAS NO COMPLAINT AGAINST INDIVIDUAL UKCITS. PUBLIC ASSURED THAT GOVERNMENT WILL TREAT FIRMS ACCORDING TO LAW. MEANWHILE, 1700Z NEWS BROADCAST SHELL-BP, UAC AND JOHN HOLT DENIALS OF INVOLVEMENT IN MILITARY OPERATIONS.

3. ENUGU REMAINS QUIET. PHONE CONTACT WITH ABA, PORT HARCOURT, CALABAR, ONITSHA AND IKOT EKPENE INDICATE ALL QUIET THERE.  
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1. REF FFBIS REPORT TRANSMITS TEXT ENUGU RADIO BROADCAST JULY 31 AND AUG 1 ACCUSING THREE COMPANIES, SHELL-BP, JOHN HOLT, AND UNITED AFRICA (CONUAC) OF COOPERATING AND ASSISTING FMG IN ATTACKING EAST. BROADCAST CHARGED UAC (NIGERI RIVER TRANSPORT) AND HOLT RIVEJR CRAFT LEFT WARRI JULY 30 WITH NIGERIA TROOPS FOR

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PATANI ENROUTE YENAGOA, PROVINCIAL CAPITAL IN RIVERS STATE.  
ALLEGES SIX OTHER VESSELS IN WARRI HAVE BEEN REPINTED WITH  
SHELL-BP COLORS FOR USE IN ATTACK ON EAST, INDICATING THIS GTE  
CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE UNQUOTE OF SHELL-BP COLLUSION WITH FMG.

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2. SAME ENUGU RADIO REPORT CHARGES SHELL-BP OFFSHORE OIL RIGS RADIOED NAVIGATIONAL INFORMATION AND WEATHER REPORTS TO NIGERIAN FRIGATE, THEREBY ASSISTING FMG IN ATTACK ON BONNY. ALLEGES THAT SHELL-BP RIGS, OIL INSTALLATIONS, AND OTHER RESOURCES HAVE BEEN FULLY OFFERED TO FMG. IN ADDITION, REPORT CHARGES THAT OTHER EXPATS, ESPECIALLY UK INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH PRIVATE TRANSMITTERS, HAVE USED THEIR EQUIPMENT TO REVEAL EASTERN WAR PLANS AND DEFENSE POSITIONS TO FMG.

3. COMMENTS AS REPORTED OUR 692, HOLTS AND INRT RIVER CRAFT AND BARGES HAVE BEEN COLLECTING AT ASABA ASSAY, INER PATANI IN MIDWEST STATE, WHERE THEY AWAITING INDICATION FROM ENUGU THAT THEY WILL BE PERMITTED PROCEED UP INIGERI RIVER BEYOND ONITSHA TO DELIVER CARGOS POL AND DRY GOODS TO NGAROUA, CAMEROON. IT POSSIBLE EAST RECEIVED REPORT FROM INFORMER IN MIDWEST ON UNUSUAL ASSEMBLY THERE RIVER CRAFT ACROSS BORDER FROM YENAGOA PROVINCE, AND IS ATTRIBUTING HOSTILE

PAGE 3 RUTALS 1129CCIC O N F I D E N T I A L LIMITED OFFICIAL USE INTENTIONS TO SITUATION EAST CREATED ITSELF BY BLOCKING NIGER-BENUE RIVER TRANSPORT. BOTH HOLT AND IAC SOURCES LAGOS ALARMED BY TONE ENUGU BROADCAST, AND HAVE INSTRUCTED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN EAST TO INFORM EASTERN AUTHORITIES IN LOW KEY THAT CHARGES ARE BASELESS. WITH RECENT OTE TAKEOVER UNQUOTE OF SHELL-BP PROPERTIES IN EAST OBVIOUSLY IN MIND, HOLT REP EXPRESSED APPREHENSION THAT EAST MIGHT TAKE SIMILAR ACTION AGAINST HOLT. MATHEWS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L L A G O S 1092

1. ENUGU 250 REPORTED MODERATE ELEMENTS IN EAST MAY BE  
GUIDING OJUKWU APPROACH TO RELATIONS WITH SHELL-BP AND  
TREATMENT EXPATS GRAY AND HAMILTON.

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2. ON OTHER HAND RADION ENUGU (FBIS N311240Z) ON JULY 31  
TOOK STRIDENT AND POTENTIALLY PROVOCATIVE LINE WHEN IT  
CLAIMED SHELL-BP IS " IN COLLUSION WITH THE ENEMY" AND HAD  
ASSISTED FMG IN BONNY INVASION. BROADCAST SPOKE OF " TREACHEROUS  
ACTIVITIES" OF THESE COMPANIES EMPLOYEES AND OF "CERTAIN

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OTHER EXPATRIATES" WHO HAVE USED RADIOS " TO REVEAL BIAFRAN WAR ACTIVITIES AND DEFENSE POSITIONS TO THE ENEMY." SAME BROADCAST SAID " IJAC I AM JOHN HOLT VESSELS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT WARRI YESTERDAY WITH NIGERIAN TROOPS FOR PATANI AND THREE OTHER BORDER TOWNS ON THEIR WAY TO YANAGOA. ALSO IN WARRI, SIX VESSELS TO BE USED BY THE ENEMY IN THEIR ATTACK ON BIAFRA HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETELY REPAINTED WITH SHELL-BP COLORS."

3. COMMENT: WE WERE FROM ENUGU REPORTS THAT SOME OF OJUKWU'S ADVISORS URGING PATIENCE, BUT CONTINUATION OF ATTACKS ON EXPATS FOR "TREACHERY" AND "COLUSION WITH THE ENEMY" CAN ONLY MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS FOR ANY OF THEM TO REMAIN IN EAST.

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1. J.O. IJOMA, ATTORNEY WHO DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS  
"ONLY PROMINENT IBO LEFT IN LAGOS" (FOR IDENTIFICATION  
SEE LAGOS AIRGRAM 616, APRIL 27, 1967) TOLD EMBOFF  
JULY 31 THAT GROUP NOW BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT FMG

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AT MEETING WITH OJUKWU SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE NIGERIA. IJOMA  
EXPECTS MEETING TO TAKE PLACE SOME TIME DURING WEEK  
AUGUST 6. WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER PROPOSAL FOR MEETING  
HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO ENUGU BUT SAYS HE IS SURE OJUKWU  
HIMSELF WILL ATTEND.

2. EMBOFF ASKED IJOMA WHETHER IN HIS OPINION MILITARY  
AND ECONOMIC ACTION HAD PROGRESSED FAR ENOUGH TO MAKE  
MEETING POSSIBLE. HE REPLIED YES, ADDING THAT LEADING  
IBOS NOW KNOW THEY CANNOT RPT NOT SUCCEED. HE SAID  
LOSS OF NSUKKA WAS GREAT BLOW AND THAT LOSS OF OGOJA,  
BONNY AND ECONOMIC PINCH HAVE ALL

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CONTRIBUTED TO CONVICTION THAT BIAFR DOOMED TO ULTIMATE DEFEAT. IJOMA SAYS MUCH BETTER FROM VIEWPOINT OF IBOS AND REST OF COUNTRY THAT NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE BEFORE IBOS ARE "CONQUERED" RATHER THAN AFTER.

3. IJOMA SAYS GOWON QUITE PREPARED MAKE CONCESSIONS TO EAST. ONE OF CONCESSIONS MIGHT BE GIVING PORT HARcourt TO EAST CENTRAL STATE RATHER THAN RIVERS STATE SINCE

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MAJORITY OF PEOPLE OF PORT HARcourt ARE IBOS AND SINCE IBOS FEEL STRONGLY THAT PORT HARcourt SHOULD BELONG TO THEM (THIS POINT ALSO MENTIONED PARA 3 LAGOS 803).

4. EMBOFF ASKED IJOMA HOW FMG COULD GET WORD TO ENUGU TO SUGGEST NEGOTIATION. WOULD IT BE NECESSARY TO COMMUNICATE THROUGH FOREIGN COUNTRY LIKE GHANA? HE REPLIED NO, TELEPHONE LINE TURNED OFF AT LAGOS END, NOT ENUGU END, AND CAN BE CONNECTED WHENVER GOWON WISHES.

5. IJOMA DOES NOT SEE HOW OJUKWU CAN LONG REMAIN LEADER OF IBOS. HE SAYS ESCAPE WILL BE EASY FOR HOM AND WILL BE BEST SOLUTION ALL ROUND.

6. IJOMA THINKS AZIKWE COULD PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR ENDING HOSTILITIES AND IN POST-WAR NIGERIA. HE DESCRIBED "ZIK" AS "POTENTIALLY MOST POWERFUL MAN IN NIGERIA". HE SAYS "YOU KNOW ZIK NEVER FAVORED SECESSION."

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7. COMMENT: WE NOT SURE TO WHAT EXTENT IJOMA HAS ACCESS TO INNER CIRCLES OF FMG AND INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT NOT CONFIRMED, BUT REPORT IS PASSED ON BECAUSE IT INDICATES HOPE OF SOME LEADERS IN LAGOS, AS REFLECTED

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IN NUMBER OF RECENT CONVERSATIONS, THAT HOSTILITIES CAN  
BE BROUGHT TO END THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS IN NOT TOO  
DISTANT FUTURE.

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1. AS DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE NOTED FROM OUR LATEST TELEGRAMS, ANTI-US OUTBURSTS IN LAGOS ARE NOW DIRECTED MORE AGAINST US (AND UK) RADIO AND PRESS THAN AGAINST USG. THIS IS (MODEST) IMPROVEMENT. I BELIEVE KEY FMG MILITARY (AND CIVILIAN) LEADERS IN LAGOS HAVE CALLED OFF DELIBERATE ANTI-US CAMPAIGN AS RESULT OUR REPRESENTATIONS TO MANY OF THESE LEADERS. CONTINUING PROBLEM IS THAT CONTROL OVER NIGERIAN BROADCASTING

PAGE 2 RUTALS 1089CCIC ON FILE IN ITAL CORPORATION (NBC) AND MORNING POST IS LAX AND PERSONNEL IN THESE ORGANIZATIONS WITH PERSONAL ANTI-US BIAS CAN GET THEIR MATERIAL ON AIR AND IN PRINT. CHIEF ENAHORO ADMITTED AS MUCH TO ME IN CANDID, HOUR LONG PRIVATE TALK (JULY 27) WHEN HE LAMENTED THAT HIS ABSENCES FROM NIGERIA HAD PREVENTED HIM FROM ESTABLISHING FIRM GRIP ON MINISTRY AND OFFICIAL MEDIA. HE SAID HE WANTED STOP PROVOCATIVE ANTI-US OUTPUT AND WOULD

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WELCOME OUR INFORMING HIM WHEN SUCH MATERIAL SURFACED. (UNFORTUNATELY, ENAHORO AND MANY OTHER FMG OFFICIALS RARELY LISTEN TO OWN RADIO OR READ OWN PRESS.) HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT AMERICANS WOULD HAVE TO LIVE WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CRITICISM OF US AS MANY NIGERIANS HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT USG HAS LET NIGERIA DOWN IN ITS TIME OF TROUBLE. USG REFUSAL TO PERMIT PURCHASE OF ARMS AND UNFORTUNATE HANDLING OF PUBLICITY ON THIS SENSITIVE MATTER IN WASHINGTON WAS WIDELY RESENTED.

2. SOUR MINISTRY OF INFORMATION RELEASE DISTORTING SESSION BETWEEN ARIKPO AND NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (LAGOS 925) WAS I AM SATISIFIED RESULT OF LAX CONTROL IN

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MINISTRY. LAXITY WAS, HOWEVER, AS BAD AS INTENT IN THIS INSTANCE SINCE MINISTRY RELEASE GREATLY REDUCED WHATEVER IMPACT MY LETTER TO CHAMBER MIGHT HAVE HAD. IN ADDITION TO STORIES ON MY LETTER IN DAILY TIMES AND MORNING POST (LAGOS 925) DAILY SKETCH AT IBADAN ALSO CARRIED STORY (JULY 28).

3. AS REPORTED LAGOS 1013, FMG VIGOROUSLY BACKED AWAY FROM NBC THREATS TO QUOTE MERCENARIES AND COLLABORATORS (QUOTE). I BELIEVE FMG LEARNED LESSON FROM THIS INCIDENT.

4. MAJOR REMAINING PROBLEM IS ANTI-US SENTIMENT IN NORTH. I SPOKE EMPHATICALLY ON THIS SUBJECT TO DEPUTY PERM SEC EXT AFF ADEGOROYE, WHO PROMISED CONVEY MY CONCERN TO HIGHER QUARTERS, ON JULY 26 AND TO CHIEF ENAHORO ON JULY 27. STOKES WAS IN LAGOS OVER WEEKEND, AND WE DISCUSSED SITUATION AT LENGTH. STOKES POINTED OUT THAT BASIC DIFFICULTY IS WIDESPREAD BELIEF IN NORTH THAT AMERICANS ARE PRO-IBO. THIS MAKES IT THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT OFFICIAL OUTPUT DOES NOT INCITE NORTHERNERS. WE AGREED UPON TEXT OF LETTER WHICH STOKES WILL SEND TO ALI AKILU IF HE THINKS NECESSARY.

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AFTER FURTHER SOUNDING OF SITUATION IN KADUNA.  
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SUBJECT: ADU'S VIEWS ON NIGERIAN SITUATION

1. FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR POINTS MADE BY DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
ADU OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT TO EMBASSY PICARD WHILE IN  
LONDON LAST WEEK EN ROUTE LAGOS.

2. ADU BELIEVES THAT FOR TIME BEING, AT LEAST, THERE IS  
LITTLE THAT HE OR HIS SUPERIOR, SMITH, CAN DO IN TERMS  
OF FOSTERING CONCILIATION OR HALTING FIGHTING IN NIGERIA.

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HE BASES THIS VIEW ON NEGATIVE RESULTS OF TRIPS TO NIGERIA  
BY HIM AND SMITH IN RECENT MONTHS. BOTH ADU AND SMITH (WHO  
BRIEFLY JOINED CONVERSATION AT END) BELIEVE THAT WITH TIME  
FOR TALKING NOW OVERTAKEN BY WAR FURTHER MILITARY ACTION  
WILL HAVE TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE ANYONE COULD EVEN GUESS AT  
KIND OF POLITICAL RELATIONS WHICH WILL DEVELOP BETWEEN IBOS  
AND REST OF COUNTRY. THEY MADE THIS POINT WITHOUT PREJUDGING

WHETHER THERE WOULD BE A MILITARY STALEMATE OR FEDERAL "VICTORY".

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3. BOTH FELT, HOWEVER, THAT AFTER MILITARY PICTURE BECOMES CLEARER, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL AS FACE-SAVING DEVICE FOR EITHER OR BOTH SIDES IF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT COULD STIMULATE A CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE FROM COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY GHANA AND OTHER AFRICANS. THEY RECOGNIZED THAT FMG WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSULTED IN ADVANCE RE ANY SUCH APPEAL BUT THEY

THOUGHT THAT, IF HANDLED CAREFULLY, IT MIGHT HELP TO BRING AN END TO HOSTILITIES.

4. ADU MADE A SURPRISINGLY STRONG PLEA FOR SUBSTANTIAL US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO FMG NOT, AS HE CAREFULLY EXPLAINED,

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BECAUSE HE WAS PARTISAN BUT BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THIS WOULD BE "FASTESt AND LEAST PAINFUL WAY TO GET IT OVER WITH".  
EMBOFF POINTED OUT HE HAD NOT YET ARRIVED AT POST AND, IN ANY CASE, COULD NOT RESPOND ON THIS MATTER, BUT UNDERTOOK TO MAKE ADU'S VIEWS KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND DEPT.  
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1) DEPT ATTENTION CALLED TO JULY 31 EDITORIAL LONDON FINANCIAL

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TIME WHICH ENTITLED QUOTE FROM BAD TO WORSE IN NIGERIA UNQUOTE.  
SALIENT QUOTATIONS FROM TEXT FOLLOW.

2) QUOTE LAST WEEK'S DEVELOPMENTS AT BONNY OIL TERMINAL MARK  
A MAJOR TURN FOR WORSE... IN THZ SOUTH, A FEDERAL FORCE HAS  
APPARENTLY LANDED AT BONNY, WHERE SHELL-BP HAS IT TERMINAL.  
BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW FAR DEFENDERS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BACK  
OR WHETHER INVADERS WILL PRESS FOR PORT HARCOURT. A SENIOR  
SHELL-BP OFFICIAL HAS BEEN PUT UNDER HOUSE ARREST BY THE BIAFRANS  
AND OTHER OIL EXPATRIATES ARE TRYING TO LEAVE.

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1. BASED ON WHAT HE HAS LEARNED FROM DAILY TIMES REPORTERS WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM "FRONT", STUNDE AKINGBADE (PROTECT SOURCE), IBADAN-BASED REPORTER FOR THAT PAPER, ON JULY 31 EXPREYSMSD VIEW TO ASST. BPAO THAT PRESENT "POLICE ACTION" WILL LAST AT LEAST ANOTHER SIX MONTHS. HE DOES NOT THINK OJUKZL CAN BE DEFEATED. THERE MASSIVE POPULAR RESISTENCE AGAINST FMG IN EAST WHICH MEANS FINAL RESULT WILL BE GRADUAL PETERING OUT FMG EFFORTS.

2. AKINGBADE ALSO SAID THAT POLICE ACTION AT FIRST STRICTLY NORTH VERSUS EAST. NORTHERN OFFICERS DID NOT TRUST YORUBA TROOPS AND AT FIRST DID NOT WANT THEM BUT AFTER TAKING SEVERE

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LOSSES REALIZED THAT YORUBAS NECESSARY IN ORDER HAVE SUFFICIENT MANPOWER OVERCOME EAST. THREE YORUBA OFFICERS AND NUMBER MEN

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HAVE DEFECTED TO EAST.

3. ACCORDING AKINGBADE, FIRST FMG BATTALION IN OGOJA AREA ALMOST COMPLETELY WIPE OUT BY COMBINATION EASTERN MINES AND "ELECTRICAL DEVICES" (CHARGED WIRES?) AND SUBSEQUENT CROSS-FIRE FROM HIDDEN EASTERN FORCES. FMG FORCES NOW DRIVE CATTLE IN FRONT OF TROOPS IN ORDER SET OFF ANY MINES.

4. CONSULATE OFFICER LEARNED YESTERDAY THAT REPORT LT. COL. SOTOMI IN CHARGE OF 3RD AND 18TH BN'S IN ERROR. (IBADAN 47, 51). SOTOMI CHARGE 3RD AND 25TH RPT 25TH BN, PLUS ONE OTHER.

5. IN CONTRAST TO VIEWS EXPRESSED BY AU NGBADE, COL. OBASANJO (CO 2ND AREA COMMAND) EXPRESSED TO ME TODAY CONFIDENCE THAT FMG FORCES WOULD WIN BUT THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE LUCKY COMPLETE CAMPAIGN BY END OF YEAR. HE SAID THAT WHEN HE ARRIVED HERE MONTH AGO, MANY IBADAN YORUBA DID NOT CONSIDER CONFLICT THEIRS BUT PURELY HAUSA-IBTU AFFAIR. HE BELIEVED THAT WITH NUMBER YORUBA TROOPS NOW AT FRONT THIS WAS CHANGING AND THERE NOW GREATER SENSE OF INVOLVEMENT ON PART LOCAL YORUBAS.

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6. OBASANJO SAID THAT WHILE MOST OF 13RD BN AT FRONT, FEW STILL THERE SERVING AS INTAKE AND PRELIMINARY TRAINING UNIT FOR NEW RECRUITS AS IS 11TH BN. RECRUITS SPEND 3 OR 4 WEEKS THERE AND THEN SENT TO ABEOKUTA TRAINING DEPOT FOR 5 OR 6 WEEK COURSE. HE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO CUTTING SHORT THIS TRAINING PERIOD. HE CLAIMED THAT THOUGH MOST RECRUITS YORUBA, NO TRIBAL PRINCIPLE APPLIED. HE SAID THAT AFTER HE TOOK OVER HE ADDRESSED ALL LOCAL UNITS, TELLING THEM THEY WOULD BE GOING TO FRONT AND THAT IF ANY WANTED DESERT, THEY SHOULD DESERT NOW. SOME DID. BUT REMAINDER SEEMED BE ACCEPTING THEIR DUTY. AS SOON AS 11TH BN FULLY TRAINED AND EQUIPPED IT WOULD BE SENT TO FRONT.

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1. LAGOS RADIO AND TV JULY 31 AND MORNING PRESS AUGUST 1

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GAVE BIG PLAY TO RETURN OF FORTY-FOUR EASTERN PRISONERS  
FROM BONNY ISLAND. NIGERIAN "BATTLESHIP" (DAILY TIMES)  
NNS BENIN CARRIED FOUR FORMER NAVAL RATINGS AND ONE FORMER  
MIDSHIPMAN, WHILE FORMER ROYAL TENDER "ADE THOMAS" CARRIED  
39 CAPTURED SOLDIERS. PHOTOS AND PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATED  
PRISONERS WERE WELL TREATED, GIVEN MEDICAL CHECK-UPS AND  
SENT TO "NEAT COSY CELLS".

2. CAPTURED NAVAL PERSONNEL WERE ADDRESSED ON DECK BY  
NEWLY PROMOTED REAR ADMIRAL WEY, HEAD OF NAVY. PROMOTION  
FROM COMMODORE TO REAR ADMIRAL WAS ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT,

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PRESUMABLY IN REWARD FOR SUCCESSFUL BOONY OPERATION. WEY TOLD PRISONERS THAT HAD THEY LISTENED TO HIS ADVICE "WHILE CRISIS WAS ON" TO PRESERVE NAVY AS "ONE INDIVISIBLE BODY," THEY WOULD NOT HAVE DESERTED AND "MADE THEMSELVES PARTY TO KILLING OF MANY INNOCENT SOULS."

3. SECURITY IN LAGOS HAS NOT SLACKENED IN OPINION OF OBSERVERS WHO OFTEN FIND THEMSELVES WAITING FOR CLEARANCES THROUGH ROADBLOCKS. CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS MEMBERS HAVE

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BEEN ORGANIZED TO "KEEP SURVEILLANCE AT PETROL STATIONS IN LAGOS AND MAINLAND," ACCORDING FMG PRESS RELEASE JULY 28. MEMBERS WILL KEEP STATIONS UNDER CLOSE OBSERVATION AND REPORT SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENTS AND ACTIONS TO NEAREST POLICE STATION. "EACH MEMBER OF CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS HAS AN IDENTIFICATION MARK."

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1. MILITARY. THERE HAVE BEEN NO RPT INO REPORTS OF FIGHTING  
ON ANY FRONT. CONSIDERABLE DC-3 TRAFFIC HAS BEEN OBSERVED

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AT ENUGU TODAY AND AT PORT HARCOURT OVER WEEKEND. ONE B-26  
WAS SEEN IN FLIGHT OVER ENUGU TODAY.

2. FOREIGN COMPANIES IN PRESS. PRESS AND RADIO ATTACKS AGAINST  
SHELL-BP, JOHN HOLT LTD AND UNITEDAFRICA CO (UAC) CONTINUE,  
ALLEGING THAT THE THREE BRITISH COMPANIES HAVE ACTIVELY CO-  
OPERATED WITH FMG BY PROVIDING BOATS TO CARRY FMG TROOPS FROM  
WARRI TO RATAI (5.2IN - 6.15E) WHENCE THEY CAN INFILTRATE  
DELTA AREA. MEDIA ALSO ASSERTING THAT "SOME FOREIGN COMPANIES,  
PRIMARILY BRITISH" HAVE USED RADIO FACILITIES TO ASSIST FMG.  
(COMMENT: IN PAST FEW DAYS VOICE RADIO EQUIPMENT USED BY  
MANY FOREIGN COMPANIES HAS BEEN CONFISCATED. AT REQUEST OF  
THREE AMERICAN FIRMS CONSULATE IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN RELEASE  
THEIR TRANSCEIVERS.

3. ENUGU RELAXED AND NORMAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUE. THREE OF

PAGE 3 RUTANU 259GG C 10 IN 00259 021658Z  
FOUR ROADCHECKS WITHIN ENUGU WERE TODAY REMOVED. POLICE AT  
REMAINING ROADCHECK (ON ROAD TO PRESIDENTIAL HOTEL AND MILITARY  
HEADQUARTERS) COURTEOUS. PORT HARCOURT REMAINS CALM.

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